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Township Chamber Formed; Paul Named First President

The Washington Township Chamber of Commerce, a township-wide organization supported by the seven community Chambers of Commerce for the promotion and development of this area, was officially formed at Centerville on Wednesday evening.

Delegates from each of the seven communities, Niles, Centerville, Decoto, Newark, Irvington, Alvarado and Warm Springs, reported that their Chambers of Commerce had approved the proposed by-laws and accepted their portion of the financial responsibility.

Dallas Paul, president of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce and temporary chairman of the township group during its organizational meetings, was unanimously elected president of the newly formed Chamber.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Judge E. A. Quaresma, Niles, was elected vice-president; Bruce Michael, Warm Springs, secretary, and Harry Weber, Centerville, treasurer.

According to the by-laws accepted Wednesday evening, each community Chamber will elect delegates to the Township Chamber in February of each year and the annual election of officers for the township group will also be held that month.

The delegates voted to incorporate and to forward a letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors informing them of the formation of the Chamber here.

It was pointed out by the members that all meetings of the group are open to the public. It was also decided to alternate the meeting places, with the group scheduled for a meeting in each of the seven communities represented.

Meetings are to be held the last Wednesday of each month. On January 25 the meeting will be held in the Niles Justice Court.

WILL HIRE SECRETARY

President Paul appointed a committee to interview applicants for the position of executive secretary to be employed on a part-time basis. Named to the committee were Bruce Michael, Allan Walton, George Oakes, Kenneth Garcia, A. E. Alameda, Paul Gygax and Vernon Ellsworth.

A finance committee was also appointed to contact the community Chambers for the membership fees. This committee is composed of Harry Weber, Bernie Joseph, Carl Christensen and E. A. Quaresma.

The official delegates from each of the seven Chambers are as follows: Alvarado, George Oakes, Leslie Maffey and William Martinez; Centerville, Harry Weber, Allan Walton and Dallas Paul; Decoto, Kenneth Garcia, Bernie Joseph and Manuel Seoane; Irvington, Carl Christensen, Allan Hirsch and A. E. Alameda; Newark, Paul Gygax, Eddie Bimemiller and James O'Connor; Niles, E. A. Quaresma, John Bahmst and Vernon Ellsworth; Warm Springs, Elizabeth Haskell Sloan, Bruce Michael and John Souza.

BULLETS DAMAGE TWO NILES HOMES

Sheriff's deputies are on the lookout this week for persons in this vicinity who received rifles for Christmas and have apparently not been instructed in the proper use of the firearms.

Two homes in Niles were damaged last week-end by stray bullets which had traveled a considerable distance before they struck.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leimbach, 974 First Street, reported to Deputy Sheriff Henry Vervais that a window in the front bedroom of her home had been shot out sometime during the day Sunday while the family was away. The 30-caliber bullet crashed through the screen, broke the window, struck the wall on the far side of the room and fell to the floor.

On Monday a 22-caliber bullet broke a window in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Young at 520 Second Street.

Vervais said that in both cases the bullets struck with such light impact that it indicated they had traveled considerable distance.

The angles at which the bullets struck led officers to believe that both shots were fired from the vicinity of Alameda Creek.

The officers have asked that all parents who gave firearms to their youngsters for Christmas thoroughly acquaint them with the danger of the weapons.

'MEANEST' THIEF TAKES CHRISTMAS TREE

Irvington was visited early last Friday morning by what might be termed the world's meanest thief.

At a time when persons throughout the world are enjoying the spirit of Christmas and the "Joy of Giving" this unwanted visitor exercised a "Joy of Taking" and made off with the beautifully decorated Christmas tree which the firemen had erected in front of the fire house.

At midnight, December 22, the tree was adding its bit to the spirit of the Yule season with its colored lights. The following morning only the heavy standard in which it stood remained.

TRAFFIC CASES SHIFTED TO CENTERVILLE COURT

Effective next week all traffic violation cases in Washington Township will be heard in the Justice Court in Centerville before Judge Allen G. Norris.

The two courts of the township alternate on hearing the cases each six months. Judge E. A. Quaresma has conducted the traffic cases in the Niles Justice Court since July 1.

SUPREME PRESIDENT TO VISIT CENTERVILLE U.P.E.C.

Supreme President Alfred Silveira of the U.P.E.C. will pay an official visit to the Centerville Lodge, U.P.E.C., on Wednesday, January 4.

The meeting will be held at Parish Hall, and all members and their families are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. The meeting starts at 8 p.m.

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NEW TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT IN USE AT NEWARK

New dial telephone equipment of larger capacity went into operation at Newark at 6 p.m. last night and completely revised the telephone numbers of all subscribers in that community.

W. W. Cole, telephone company manager, stated yesterday that the new equipment was put into operation to meet Newark's growing telephone requirements and representing an expenditure of $20,000.

New five-figure numbers for all Newark telephones are shown in the new book, which was mailed last week to all telephone users in this area.

All Newark telephone numbers now have a prefix numeral three, followed by a series of four numbers, each beginning with the numeral three.

Reflecting the continued growth in number of telephones in the area, Cole revealed that the listings in the new book show an increase of nearly nine per cent over the last issue.

Numbers for all other communities listed in the book remained unchanged.

TOWNSHIP PRAISED FOR ROAD SAFETY

Washington Township failed to follow the national pattern of soaring highway crashes and fatalities over the week-end and holiday.

Despite the fact that highways were choked with traffic during the three-day period there was not a single accident involving personal injury reported in the township.

The State Highway Patrol, in praising residents of this area, expressed hope that the same caution will be observed during the coming week-end and holiday.

YULE DECORATION AWARDS PRESENTED

The Centerville Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners in its Christmas decoration contest for residences and business houses.

A. D. Lewis Jr. and Karl Nordvik were named winners in the residential competition and received cash awards. Gordon Morris of the Center Theater and Romeo Brunelli of the Central Chevrolet were declared the winners in the decoration of business places.

Judges were Erle Hygelund, A. E. Alameda, George Oakes and Harry Weber.

Honorable mention was given the outdoor scene erected at St. James Church by Eugene Manning and the residental displays of George Silveira and Jack Stevenson.

MRS. E. B. HODGES CLAIMED BY DEATH

Mrs. Sadie C. Hodges, 51, of 145 Thornton Avenue, Centerville, wife of E. B. Hodges, prominent school principal and realtor, died in a San Jose hospital Tuesday evening following an illness of but a few days.

Mrs. Hodges, a resident of Centerville for the past 25 years, had been active in civic and social organizations during her entire residence here. She was a member of Orient Chapter of Eastern Star No. 167 and a Life Member of the Township Country Club.

She was the mother of Mrs. Irma Fitzsimons of San Jose and Mrs. Elsie Crosby of Washington; grandmother of Bobbie, Connie and Jimmie Fitzsimons of San Jose, and Robert, Carl, Martin Don, Sam, Diane, Lavone and Ivan Jr. Crosby of Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted from the parlors of the Chapel of the Palms, Centerville, at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 31.

Closing services will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Los Angeles.

TUBERCULOSIS IS TOWNSHIP'S BIGGEST HEALTH PROBLEM

The Alameda County Health Department, in rounding up a survey of the past year's work in Washington Township, revealed this week that tuberculosis is the major health problem here with this vicinity having a greater percentage of cases than other parts of the county.

In 1949 there were 71 persons in the township known to have tuberculosis and 408 people known to be contacts to those cases.

DECOTO PRAISED

The report states, "Due to the interest of the Decoto P.T.A. and Chamber of Commerce, an intensive chest x-ray and blood testing program was held in Decoto in October. Approximately 700 persons were tested. The program demonstrated to the Health Department the value of a cooperative community case-finding program."

Throughout Washington Township sanitarians placed additional emphasis on bakery and restaurant sanitation, the report states. Some assistance was given on the control of rats and swimming pools were inspected routinely in the summer months.

AID TO YOUNGSTERS

One additional public health nurse was assigned full time to the township and another nurse half time so that the schools and families were able to call on public health nurses for more family assistance.

It was also revealed that the County Board of Supervisors voted to participate in the State and Federal "Crippled Children's Program," and plans are being formulated to put the program into operation in 1950.

This will mean that children born with conditions such as club feet, heart deformities, cleft palate or eye defects will be able to se-

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Irvington Considered Most Favorable Site For County Building

The selection of a site near Irvington as the location of the proposed Alameda County building for Washington Township appeared certain this week.

An offer for the donation of two acres of land as a building site was made to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors at their meeting Tuesday morning by Dr. E. M. Grimmer of Irvington. A delegation composed of Dr. Grimmer, Allan Hirsch, Harold Speetzen and Gus Robertson, called on the supervisors to make the offer.

Supervisors Harry Bartell, Clifford Wixson, Thomas E. Caldecott and Chester Stanley, accompanied by Surveyor Wallace Boggs and Lloyd F. Groogan, secretary to the board, drove to Irvington immediately to look over the site.

SHERIFF APPROVES SITE

The land involved is located on the west side of the Irvington-Centerville highway north of the Elementary school building and has a highway frontage of 200 feet. So enthusiastic were the supervisors about the offer that one of them asked how soon the crop of cauliflower, now in the field, could be harvested.

The supervisors informed the Irvington men that they were "favorable" to the site but would await the test by Sheriff H. P. Gleason's department to determine if the nearby P. G and E. power lines would be a detriment to radio transmission and reception.

In a telephone conversation with Supervisor Stanley yesterday The Register learned that radio technicians from the sheriff's office had made tests the previous day and reported that radio reception at the location would be "adequate."

DECISION NEXT WEEK

At their meeting yesterday the supervisors asked for a search of the title to the land and instructed Surveyor Boggs to submit a report on the location as to water, drainage and sewer facilities. Both reports are expected to be made at the Tuesday or Thursday meeting of the board next week and definite action is expected to be taken at that time.

First suggestion to establish a county building in Washington Township came from Sheriff Gleason several months ago. At that time he said that he desired to establish a substation in this area to relieve the heavy load being carried by the Hayward office.

It has subsequently been sug-

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PLANE HITS POWER LINE NEAR NEWARK, PILOT UNINJURED

Ansel Y. Smith, 42, Oakland, an employee at the Westvaco Chemical Plant at Newark, narrowly escaped death last Friday morning when the light plane he was piloting crashed into a P. G. and E. power line near Newark.

Smith, who often flies to work from the Hayward Airport, reported that the carburetor froze as he neared the Newark plant and he selected a meadow for an emergency landing.

In his approach to the field his rear landing wheel snapped off a 12,000 volt powerline from the Newark substation. He kept the plane under control and landed without injury to himself or the plane.

Power was cut off at the KGO transmitter at the east end of Dumbarton Bridge and at nearly all of the industrial plans of the area, at 7:51 a.m. Service was restored to the plants on other lines by 8:45 a.m. but the radio station was not able to return to the air until 11:20 a.m.

Review of Year's Events in Washington Township

IN JANUARY of 1949 ten-year-old Donald Dewey cut the ribbon officially opening the newly completed Stanley Bridge in Niles Canyon as John Brahmst, president of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and Supervisor Chester E. Stanley watch.

Tin horns will blow, sirens will shriek, and whistles will blast tomorrow night—ushering in the beginning of the second half of the twentieth century in Washington Township.

The first fifty years of the century brought amazing changes to the township. It developed from a quiet, somnolent farming community to a community that is, if not the center of the great bay area industrial activity, at least on the fringes of it.

With building increasing with such rapidity, and industry threatening to impinge on the prestige of the heretofore king of the area—agriculture—the next 50 years in the township will undoubtedly see great changes. Where vast Spanish land grants gave way to ranches, and ranches gave way to small farms, the next 50 years in the township will likely see the area become suburban, with small homes on 50, 60, or 75 foot lots usurping the farm lands.

But before we turn to 1950, let's go back to review the year just past. Let's take a look at the news that made headlines, of the personalities—dead and alive—who have affected, in one way or another, the history of Washington Township.

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JANUARY

The first business of the year of the **Centerville Chamber of Commerce** was authorizing an expenditure of $500 for a survey of the proposed extension of Stevens Street.

Washington Township suffered the most severe **cold wave** in years. The temperature hit a low of 20 degrees.

The **Decoto Chamber of Commerce** honored **Henry Borghi** who played with the University of California football team in the Rose Bowl.

Brides of the month were **Norma Davis,** who married Ernest Manuel, **Jacqueline Gorman** who became Mrs. Richard Botts, and **Ann August,** who changed her name to Mrs. Harold Brooks.

The **Stanley Bridge** in Niles Canyon was opened to traffic by ceremonies conducted by the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

FEBRUARY

Work began on the first unit of a new school plant at **Newark Elementary School.**

Jean Olivera became the bride of Bruce Nickel at Corpus Christi Church.

U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey came to Niles to survey the needs of the Alameda County Water District.

Phyllis Day was married to Lincoln D'Amario at Centerville.

Yvonne Young became the bride of Eugene Schaal at the Congregational Church in Placerville.

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WE WISH OUR MANY PATRONS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

O'MARA
Home Furnishings
Cor. Sycamore & Dairy Sts.
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We Give S&H Green Stamps

INVENTORY TIME IN NILES JUSTICE COURT

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MUTE ITEMS OF EVIDENCE ARE DISCARDED

The first of the year is the time that businessmen take stock of their assets and inventory their merchandise.

The first day of the year is also the time that Deputy Sheriff Henry Vervais takes stock of his accumulation of "things" at the Niles Justice Court and finds an appropriate spot to discard these "items."

Looking like Santa Claus readying his stock to fill his sleigh, Officer Vervais yesterday busied himself cleaning out shelves and cabinets in the constable's office of the Justice Court preparing for a dash to the nearest trash pile.

What the inventory of Officer Vervais lacked in value it made up for in "color" and memories.

His inventory read something like this:

One concrete slab, slightly broken from having derailed a passenger train in Decoto, after it had been placed there by a five-year-old youngster wanting a thrill.

One pair of well-worn shoes bearing a tag, "John Doe Number 118," indicating that they were taken from an unidentified male body found during the year in the lower reaches of San Francisco Bay.

Five slingshots of various sizes and colors.

Three blackjacks, used by some people to bring opponents around to their way of thinking.

One pearl-handled razor, taken from a dusky transient in a hobo "jungle" after it had been used for purposes other than the removal of whiskers.

One book entitled, "Bank Organization and Operation," also picked up in a hobo "jungle."

One 1942 California automobile license plate.

One partially used punch board.

Four very large and very sharp knives.

One battered suitcase, left by a "traveler" in place of a better suitcase taken from a Niles home.

Officer Vervais is not particularly worried about the former owners calling to reclaim their belongings as most of them either left no forwarding address or can be seen only on visiting days.

MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

Larry Sylva, superintendent of buildings and grounds at Washington Union High School, and his crew have taken advantage of the two weeks' school vacation to make many new improvements at the plant.

The interior of the kitchen in the school cafeteria has been completely redecorated, chairs and tables in the sewing room have been repainted, and all floors in the building have been refinished.

At the Fairmont

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Joseph of Decoto and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pimentel of Hayward will motor up to the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco for dinner-dancing on New Year's Eve.

New Residents

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Pratt, former residents of Utah, are now settled in their beautiful new home on Goodrich Road in the Ellsworth Orchard tract. They like Niles immensely, especially the view of the hills they get from their big windows.

Birthday Feted

A small bridge party to celebrate Mr. Lester Mann's birthday, is being given this evening by Mr. and Mrs. Vince Kaehler of Newark. Others present besides the Manns will be Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cimino.

All Safeway Stores Closed January 1 and 2—Shop Early!

For a THR-R-RIFTY 1950
Resolve to save regularly at SAFEWAY

Consider the number of shopping trips you'll be making during 1950. Then consider how much it would mean to you to save even a few cents on each trip. That's why we suggest that you compare Safeway's prices with what others are asking. You'll discover many ways to trim your food costs. Take advantage of these savings by shopping regularly at Safeway in the months ahead. A thr-r-rifty 1950 to you!

GET IN ON THESE SPECIAL BUYS

Niblets Corn W. K. Golden, V. P.—12-oz. Can 2 for 25¢
Sugar Belle Peas Sweet 10½-oz. Can 10¢ Sweet 303 Can 15¢
Meadow Wood Butter Solid, 1st Quality Lb. Carton 63¢
Apple Sauce Exposition—No. 2 Can 2 for 25¢
Spry Shortening 1-lb. Can 29¢ 3-lb. Can 73¢
Mayday Salad Oil Gallon Can 1.40
Valley Gold Apricots Halves, Unpeeled No. 2½ Can 19¢
Margarine Sunnybank or Allsweet—Regular 1-lb. Carton 23¢
Gold Medal Bisquick Biscuit Flour 40-oz. Package 37¢

FIDELIS WINES
Burgundy Red, Table Variety—1/5 45¢
Sauterne White, Table Variety—1/5 49¢
Port Red Dessert Variety—1/5 Bottle 58¢

HOLIDAY CANDIES
Chocolate Drops Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello 25¢
Orange Slices Ultra Fine—1-lb. Cello 19¢
Chocolates Cameo—1-lb. Box 69¢
Thin Mints Terry's Chocolate Covered 1-lb. Package 49¢

ENSIGN NUTS
Mixed Nuts 1-lb. Cello 29¢
Almonds California—1-lb. Cello 33¢
Brazil Nuts 1-lb. Cello 29¢
Filberts Large—1-lb. Cello (Subject to stock on hand) 29¢

PARTY NEEDS
Rye Bread Mrs. Wright's—Small Loaf 16¢
Cheese Food Breeze—½-lb. Package 23¢
Potato Chips Granny Goose—4½-oz. 25¢
Vienna Sausage Armour's—4-oz. Can 17¢
Dill Pickles Finer-Made—22-oz. Glass 23¢
Lunch Tongue Libby's—6-oz. Can 29¢
Graham Crackers Pirates' Gold—1-lb. 25¢

BEVERAGES
Gingerale Belfast—29-oz. Bottle, Plus Deposit 15¢
Apple Cider Western—Gallon Glass
Sparkling Water Merry Mix—Quart Bottle Plus Deposit 10¢
Scooter Mix Lemon-Lime—Quart Bottle, Plus Deposit 2 for 25¢
Orange Juice Sutter's Gold—46-oz. Can
Root Beer Cragmont—12-oz. Bot., Plus Dep. 6 for 25¢
Beer Wieland's, No Deposit—6—11-oz. Bottles 81¢

Dinner Needs for Your Holiday

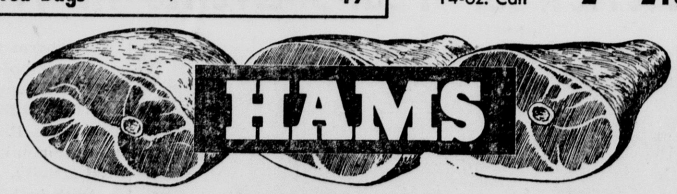
S&W Peas Sweet—10½-oz. 2 for 25¢
Red Hill Catsup Fancy—14-oz. Bottle 10¢
Cut Green Beans Briargate, Fancy—No. 2 23¢
Mince Meat English Maid—28-oz. Glass 35¢
Ac'cent (Mono Sodium Food Seasoning) 2-oz. Tin 49¢
Sweet Potatoes Tenderpak, Cut—2½ Can 19¢
Whipping Cream Lucerne—½-Pt. Carton 31½

Nob Hill Coffee Whole Roast—1-lb. Bag 63¢
Airway Coffee Whole Roast—1-lb. Bag 61¢

Kitchen Craft Flour 5-lb. Bag 45¢
Ripe Olives Lindsay, Medium—No. 1 24¢
Pineapple Libby's or Dole, Sliced—No. 2 Can 25¢
Tomatoes Gardenside—No. 2 Can 2 for 25¢
Cranberry Sauce Ocean Spray, Jellied or Whole—No. 1 Can 2 for 29¢
Sweet Pickles Lady's Choice, Whole—24-oz. 49¢
Tea Bags Canterbury O. P.—Carton of 48 49¢

CLEANSERS
OLD DUTCH 14-oz. Can 2 for 19¢
SWIFT'S 14-oz. Can 2 for 23¢
AJAX 14-oz. Can 2 for 21¢

SWEET POTATOES
or Yams—Fancy Selected Quality—For Baking 2 lbs. 23¢



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Grapefruit California Coachella Valley 2 Lbs. 15¢
Baking Squash Banana or Hubbard—Lb. 3¢

Beef Pot Roast Tender Meaty Chuck Cuts—Lb. 45¢
Fresh Pork Loins Roasting Cuts. Either Half or Large Loin—Lb. 42¢
Smoked Tender Picnics Light Eastern. Short Shank—Lb. 39¢
Pork Shoulders Corned Picnic Cuts. Tasty Cure for Baking—Lb. 29¢
Eastern Spareribs For an Economical Tasty Meal—Lb. 39¢

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SUPER SUDS SOAP Granulated 23-oz. Package 25¢
DREFT SUDS POWDER 15-oz. Package 24¢
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SWEETHEART SOAP Regular Bar 3 for 21¢

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FRESH FRYERS Full Cleaned, Pan Ready—Lb. 69¢
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SEA FOODS
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Atlantic Perch Fillets—Lb. 38¢
Fresh Oysters Pint Jars—Each 65¢

FOR JANUARY ECONOMY MEALS

SUNNY HILLS BEANS
Small White, Pink, Idaho Red and Baby Limas—2-lb. Cello 29¢

Tomato Sauce Taste Tells—7½-oz. Can 6 for 25¢
Macaroni or Spaghetti American Beauty 32-oz. Cello 39¢
Corn Meal Mammy Lou, White—5-lb. Bag 35¢
Cheese American Dutch Mill—2-lb. Package 85¢
White Rice Show Boat, Zenith—3-lb. Cello 39¢

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All items subject to stock on hand—Right to limit reserved

HAPPY NEW YEAR From all of us at SAFEWAY

Thinking Things Over . : :

By VIVIAN BATMAN

Now that Rita has had her baby, perhaps the world can settle down to less important things.

The day before Christmas in Niles, people didn't greet you with "Merry Christmas." They said, instead, "Do you know that Berge has nine?" Death is tragic at any time, but particularly so at a holiday season.

The neatest coup d'etat of the year in the township was the way Irvington eased in and took the proposed county building site right away from Centerville and Niles, both of which were so busy wrangling over which town should get the building that the building got away from both of them. Not that the building will be of any particular asset to a town, as far as I can see. Neither do I see what difference it makes WHERE it is. We need it somewhere in the township, but as long as it IS in the township, the exact location shouldn't make too much difference. When will Niles and Centerville reach the point of maturity when they realize that the rivalry between the two towns is just a little bit ridiculous in the light of the knowledge that a close cooperation between the towns and a lack of selfishness will further progress in the whole area quicker than any other one thing.

THE 'OTHER WOMAN'

It seems to me that the two major threats to our country as we enter the second half of the century are communism and the increase in divorces. I don't know who can do anything about the former, but I'm confident that women could do more than they're doing about divorces.

There is one big factor that acts as a hindrance to a successful marriage, it seems, and that is incompatibility, which is a real problem. It probably stems from the fact that there is a surplus of females and they can't be selective in their choice of a husband. But, in reading the lovelorn columns in the newspapers and magazines (yes, I'll confess that I read them, as they offer a good slant on human nature), I'm convinced that there is another problem that threatens to upset marriages. That is the problem of "the other woman." I'm struck by the fact that more and more bewildered wives are writing in for advice on what to do about the other woman. The other woman, too, is probably a result of the surplus in women. She is either a single woman who has not yet snagged a male, or she is dissatisfied with the husband she probably married out of sheer desperation. In any event, she seems to be causing wives no end of trouble, judging from the letters in the "love-lorn."

What infuriates me, however, is the advice that's passed out to these poor confused wives. The love-lorn columnists blithely tell them to use such persuaders as: cooking your husband's favorite stew, getting yourself a new hair-do, or try using "Follow Me" perfume. These are supposed to bring the wandering boy right back to you, away from the wiles of the other woman. Do you mind if I interject a "hooey!" in here?

If I were a love-lorn columnist—and I wish I were!—I would say: at the first sign of some other female batting her eyelashes at your husband and giving him the old one-two of "Oh, do you think so, Jack? You're wonderful!", the thing to do is to nip it in the bud right then. Say to her, 'Look, sister, I'm on to your little game. Sure, my man's susceptible—what man isn't? But don't try any of your little tricks on him, or you'll be exposed in a way that will put you in a ridiculous position." Don't pull any punches, just lay all your cards on the table and tell the predatory female to pick up her bag of tricks and go home. Scare her, and she'll run.

There! It sounds as though I speak with the voice of experience doesn't it? Well, I don't, but I'll bet my system would work better than that of resorting to all sorts of elaborate subtleties to hold a husband. Why not be direct about it? Being the "sweet little woman" whiling away the hours at home—alone—dabbing herself with perfume and cooking stews will get a woman no place, and I'm sick of columnists who tell her it does.

Well, that's off my chest.

A Surprise Party

Robert De Salles of Niles was the most surprised person in the world recently when a crowd of his friends came to his home on Cherry Lane, bearing all the refreshments and the fixings for a birthday party for him. His birthday — his nineteenth — was on Christmas Eve, but his friends decided they'd celebrate a week earlier, so the surprise was a complete one.

Planning the affair were Diane Crossman and Jacquie and Thelma Biale. Others present were Manuel Silva and Rosalie Rogers, of Irvington, Ardeth Maw and Douglas Greenquist of San Jose, Walter Verone of San Jose, Johnny Cordeniz of Irvington, Jimmy Aguiar of Newark, Gerald Nunes of Warm Springs, Betty Grau of Niles, Jimmy and LeRoy Moora of Niles, Joyce Harvey of Alvarado, and Thelma Logan of Alvarado.

The evening was spent in dancing, playing cards and playing ping-pong.

Creation of the California Board of Forestry in 1883 preceded by ten years creation of the federal forest reserves.

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NEWARK CHAMBER NAMES CANDIDATES

A slate of candidates, headed by Edward Bimemiller for president, was nominated Tuesday evening by the Newark Chamber of Commerce in preparation for the annual election to be held on January 17.

Other candidates nominated were: Paul Gygax, vice-president; H. M. Bushke and John Oliveira, secretary; Joseph Pashote and Stanley Menetrey, treasurer.

Nominated to positions on the board of directors were: Frank Veit, Ray Alberts, Harry Houston, Jacob Jacobsen, Lawrence Costa, Donald Dias and W. H. Kelly.

Candidates named for the auditing committee were Donald Dias, Ray Auchard and W. H. Kelly.

President Gordon Cotton, who presided, announced that arrangements have been completed for the Chamber to distribute baskets of groceries to needy families of the community. It was also announced that the Chamber has arranged for Santa Claus to visit the homes of youngsters on Christmas Eve.

Total returns to California farmers for crops and livestock reached $1.3 billion in 1948.

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COITS SPEND CHRISTMAS ..

The Gabriel Coits of Oak Street spent Christmas Day at home with guests.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Travers, Edith Dias and Gary, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Pine.

A delicious dinner was served and everyone had a good time.

On Monday evening the Coits entertained Mr. and Mrs. Morris Abreu at the Oak Street residence.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Your reporter and family were guests of the Larry Cunha family in San Jose for dinner on Christmas Day. The traditional turkey and cranberry sauce, served along with other delicious fare, satisfied the sharpened appetites. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown of Mountain View, formerly of Irvington and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rice and Kathy of Santa Clara.

ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS

The Dan De Costas of Parish Avenue spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bragg of Oakland. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert De Costa and children, Robert, Barbara and Diane of Hayward. The guests gathered in the elaborately decorated rumpus room, which was decorated in red and green crepe paper and holly berries. A plastic Santa Claus in a sleigh and eight reindeer was the center of attraction on the table along with red candy-filled boats as favors and little Christmas trees for place cards. There were gifts for everyone which were opened after the delicious dinner.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Services next Sunday, January 1, first Sunday after Christmas, will be: Church school at 9:45 a.m.; holy communion and sermon at 11 a.m. Guild meeting, Wednesday, January 4, 1:30 p.m., with Mrs. Joe Shepherd as hostess. Choir practice, Thursday, January 5, 7:30 p. m. Men's Club meeting, Thursday, January 5, 8 p.m. January 6, Friday, the Epiphany, 10:30 a.m.; holy communion, 7:30 p.m.; candle lighting Christmas offering service for the church school. At this third such annual service, members of the church school carrying candles will bring to the altar gifts (as did the wise men of old) to the Christ Child on this day. These will be sent to Trinity Community Center in Oakland. Refreshments will be served after the service.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Friday, December 23, 23 members of the choir went to the Masonic Home at Decoto to sing carols, and also to several places in Centerville.

Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m., there was a Christmas service. Farley Granger, dressed as one of the three Kings, read the Psalm. Carol Hocking, Anita Bailey and Ann Greta Pedersen read the lessons. Douglas Mayock sang as an offering "The Lord's Prayer."

Preceding the Holy Communion service at 11:30 p.m., the choir sang eight carols and the anthem, "Jesu Bambino." Two anthems, "Blessed is He" and "Oh Holy Night," were sung during the course of the service.

Seven baskets of food were distributed to needy families on Christmas Eve. These were made possible through offerings of food sent to the church during the preceding week.

The interior decoration of the church was done Friday afternoon by members of the Altar Guild, assisted by Renee Jones and Erleen Zimmerman.

The forests of the Department of the Interior produced over 1,000,000,000 board feet of timber in 1948. valued at more than $10,000,000.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—NILES

A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Regular services are held as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL.....11 A.M.
Corner of School and 2nd Sts.
MORNING SERVICE 11 A.M.

Wednesday Evening Testimony Meetings, 8 o'clock. Reading Room is open Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, 1 to 3, and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9. Church edifice is at Second and E Streets.

TONY L. SILVA LAID TO REST

Tony Lawrence Silva, 53, well known Niles businessman, died Christmas Day in a San Jose hospital following a lingering illness.

Mr. Silva was a native of Dublin, Calif., but had been a resident of Niles for the past 45 years and was employed for the past 17 years by the Tidewater-Associated Oil Company as a driver. He was an active member of the American Legion Post No. 195 of Niles, and the Niles Sportsmen's Club.

He was the husband of Mrs. Flora Silva; father of Edward A. Silva and Albert L. Silva, both of Niles; grandfather of Gary Edward Silva; brother of Mrs. Manuel Cabral of Hayward, Mrs. Lena Byers of Santa Clara and Alfred Silva of Hayward.

Funeral services were held yesterday from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

The Irvington Chamber of Commerce, at its luncheon meeting held Tuesday at Roethlin's Cafe, voted to suspend its regular monthly meetings until after the holidays. The next meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, January 10.

May your New Year's outlook be the brightest you've ever had! We hope to enjoy your continued friendship.

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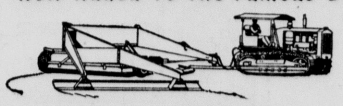

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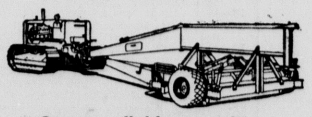
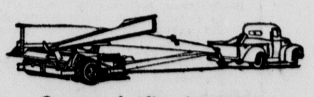


One-man field conversion to large capacity hydraulic scraper.



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Disasters

January

1—Three-foot snowfall in Teheran and other Iranian towns causes earthen houses to collapse, killing 60.
3—Tornado demolishes Warren, Ark., killing 512, injuring 275. High gales, floods, cold wave kills 39 in western Europe.
14—Cold waves on West coast kills citrus crop. Blizzards roar through Rockies, causing 121 deaths.
27—At least 600 Chinese missing following collision of two steamers off Shanghai coast.

February

3—Blizzards in western and mountain states cause 600 deaths and property damage of $200 million.
8—Twenty-eight die when Scandinavian plane crashes off Swedish coast.
12—Madrid-Barcelona express train plunges down 40-foot embankment, killing 30.
24—Crash of Cathay Pacific plane from Manila on northern Hong Kong island kills 23. Twenty-two die in air crash at Cuzco, Peru.
27—Nine students die in fire destroying dormitory at Kenyon college, Gambier, Ohio.

March

24—Tornadoes kill 26 in south and southwest Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

April

6—Seventy-four die in Effingham, Ill. hospital fire.
19—Sixty-two persons are killed in earthquake that rocks central Chile.
28—Crash in South Africa of three electric trains kills 74.

May

4—Italy's entire world champion soccer team dies in plane crash at Turin.
21—Tornadoes kill 46 persons in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kentucky.

June

6—Twenty-two killed in Greek air crash near Athens. Crack-up of plane near Florianopolis, Brazil, kills 27.
7—Fifty-four persons killed in crash of plane San Juan, Puerto Rico.

July

2—Eighteen persons killed in air crash near Perth, Australia.
12—Thirteen American correspondents killed in air crash near Bombay. Air crash near Los Angeles kills 36.
10—Sixteen persons killed when navy Hellcat hits Eastern Air Lines plane near Fort Dix, N. J.

August

5—Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons killed by Ecuador earthquake.
9—Western states forest fires take 13 lives.
19—Manchester, England, air crash takes lives of 24.

September

6—Crazed war veteran slays 13 in Camden, N.J.
9—Airline crash near St. Joachim, Quebec, kills 23. Nine die as cabin cruiser is swamped in Nantucket Sound.
17—Steamship Noronic burns in Toronto pier taking 130 lives.

October

18—One thousand die, 70,000 left homeless in Guatemala floods.
28—Forty-eight die in air crash in Azores, including boxer Marcel Cerdan.

November

1—Fifty-five killed at Washington, D.C., airport as P-38 hits airliner.
17—Eighteen killed as two B-29's collide near Stockton, Calif.
29—Airliner crash at Dallas kills 28.

December

2—Dormitory blaze at University of Oklahoma kills three.
11—Nine killed by tornadoes in Missouri and Arkansas. Seventy-ton slab of granite falls off cliff near Victorville, Calif., killing four.

Sports

January

1—Barbara Ann Scott wins Lou E. Marsh memorial trophy as Canada's outstanding 1948 athlete.
7—Joe DiMaggio signs 1949 contract with Yankees for $90,000.
9—U.S. court reverses lower court dismissal of Danny Gardella's damage suit against New York Giants.
14—Calumet's Coaltown ties record for mile and 1/8 at 1:57.6.

March

1—Joe Louis retires as heavyweight champion, turns promoter.
12—Hamline of St. Paul defeats Regis of Denver for National Assn. of Intercollegiate Basketball championship.
26—Kentucky wins National Collegiate AA basketball tournament in Seattle. Russian Hero wins Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree, England.

April

18—Baseball season opens.
23—Olympia, Eddie Arcaro up, wins Wood Memorial.
26—Tony Zale, ex-middleweight champ retires from boxing.
30—Coaltown, Steve Brooks up, wins Gallant Fox handicap.

May

6—Rocky Graziano, ex-middleweight, reinstated by N.Y. athletic commission after suspension for failure to report bribery offer.
7—Ponder, Calumet's 16-1 shot, Steve Brooks up, wins Kentucky Derby.
23—Joey Maxim defeats Gus Lesnevich for U.S. lightheavyweight title.
30—Indianapolis motor speedway Memorial classic won by Bill Holland in record average speed of 121.327.

June

10—Frank Frisch, New York coach, becomes Chicago Cub manager.
11—U.S. open golf championship goes to Dr. Cary Middlecoff. Capot, Ted Atkinson up, wins Belmont Stakes. The 18 players suspended from U.S. pro baseball because they jumped to Mexican league re-instated by Commissioner Chandler.
14—Jake LaMotta wins world middleweight title from Marcel Cerdan.
22—Ezzard Charles wins world heavyweight title by defeating Jersey Joe Walcott. New York and England refuse to recognize title.

July

2—Ted Schroeder takes men's singles in Wimbleton, England, tennis championships; Louise Brough takes women's singles; Frank Parker-Richard Gonzales take men's doubles; Mrs. Margaret Dupont and Miss Brough take women's doubles.
11—World welterweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson successfully defends title from Havana's Kid Gavilan.
12—American league All-stars defeat National League team, 11-7.
31—Sam Snead takes Western Open golf championship at St. Paul.

August

10—Ezzard Charles successfully defends heavyweight championship by defeating Gus Lesevenich.
19—Hironoshin Furuhashi, Japan, sets world swimming records of 18:19 minutes in 1,500 meter free style; 4:33.3 minutes in 400 meter free style and 9:35.5 minutes in 800 meter free style.
20—Coaltown, Steve Brooks up, sets world record of 1:34.4 in winning one-mile Whirlaway Stakes.

September

1—U.S. retains Davis Cup, defeating Australia four matches to one (tennis).
3—Charles Coe, Oklahoma City, wins U.S. amateur golf championship in Rochester, N.Y. Joseph De Bona, Hollywood, wins Bendix air trophy.
5—Bill Odom, speed record holder for round-the-world flight, crashes into a house in Berea, Ohio, during National Air Races in Cleveland, kills self, two others. Silver Cup Trophy in motorboat racing goes to Bill Cantrell, driving Horace Dodge's My Sweetie.
25—Louise Suggs, Carrollton, Ga., takes U.S. women's open golf title in Landover, Md.

October

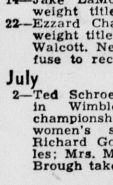
5-9—New York Yankees defeat Brooklyn Dodgers in World Series, four games to one.
28—Capot beats Coaltown to win Baltimore's Pimlico Special.

November

1—1949 major league all-star AP baseball team team announced.
15—Eddie Vann scores fastest heavyweight knockout on record in London bout with George Stern (12 seconds, first round).
21—Cleveland Indians sold to a syndicate of Cleveland business men.
24—Ted Williams, Red Sox, named American League's most valuable player.

December

3—Notre Dame defeats Southern Methodist to end season undefeated and lead football pack. Army, Oklahoma and California remain undefeated.
12—Kentucky and Oklahoma bid for national cage leadership.



Foreign

January

3—Israel involved in a dispute with Britain after invading Egypt and shooting down R.A.F. planes.
13—U.S. turns pressure on Britain to abandon dispute with Israel so as not to endanger Arab-Jewish peace.
14—U.S. says it plans to join North Atlantic military alliance to ease west Europe's fear of Russia. Chinese Communists say peace terms are surrender of Nationalists.
21—Chiang Kai-shek enters retirement.
22—Israeli-Egyptian armistice delayed by Jewish retention of Negeb.
28—U.N. security council passes independence plan for Indonesia.

February

8—Cardinal Mindszenty pleads "guilty in principle" to treason charges by Hungary's Red regime. Gets life sentence.
24—Israel, Egypt sign armistice.
26—Bulgaria begins treason trials of Protestant leaders.

March

4—Andrei Vishinsky replaces Molotov as Russian foreign minister.
11—Draft of Atlantic pact completed. Italy decides to join. Israel and Trans-Jordan sign cease-fire.
20—Soviet zone currency barred from west Berlin.
28—Russia denounces North Atlantic pact.

April

2—Chinese Communists modify peace terms.
4—Twelve nations sign North Atlantic pact and plan for U.S. arms aid.
7—Tories upset Labor in London election.
17—Ireland becomes independent republic.
24—Communists capture Nanking.
30—U.S., Russia negotiate to end Berlin blockade and set up Big 4 conference on Germany. Communists gain in attempt to isolate Shanghai.

May

4—Russians agree to lift rail blockade of Berlin. Dutch, Indonesians agree on new truce. Reds capture Hangchow, isolate Shanghai.
11—Israel admitted to U.N.
23—Big 4 ministers' conference opens in Paris. West German constitution adopted. Reds capture Shanghai.
30—Big 4 deadlocks on German unity. Soviet-zone Germans adopt constitution. Czech Reds hit Catholic church.

June

6—Senate foreign relations committee approves Atlantic pact.
7—Chinese nationalist government prepares to flee to Chungking.
9—U.S. and Soviet authorities agree on formula to end anti-Red Berlin railroad strike.
13—Pro-Italians win a Trieste election.
17—United States protests Britain's trade pact with Argentina.
29—Western charter creating civilian allied high commission for west Germany published.

July

10—Chiang Kai-shek enlists Philippines in drive to form Pacific union, takes charge of Chinese nationalist resistance. Britain, U.S., Canada agree to September conference on Britain's dollar shortage. United Kingdom orders 25 per cent cut in dollar exports through mid-1950.
13—Roman Catholic church issues worldwide excommunication of Communists.
23—Yugoslavia breaks relations with Greek guerrillas.

August

1—Dutch-Indonesian truce signed.
2—Tito calls for uprising against his Cominform foes in Albania and Bulgaria, warns Russia not to invade Yugoslavia.
11—International rules of war revised.
12—Moscow denounces Tito's Yugoslavia as enemy of Russia.
16—Greece reports rout of its northwestern rebels.

September

2—Yugoslavia breaks off two commercial pacts with Russia and discounts danger of Russian invasion.
16—Hungarian ex-Foreign Minister Rajk and two other alleged traitors say they plotted with Tito and the United States.
17—Western Big Three agree not to help Chiang Kai-shek.
18—Britain devalues pound and 24 nations follow suit.
23—President Truman announces that an "atomic explosion" has taken place in Russia.
29—Russia and four satellites break off mutual aid pacts with Tito. Big Four unity talks in Berlin reach another deadlock.

October

2—Russia recognizes Communist government in China.
6—Big Four foreign ministers meet again on Austria. Yugoslavia takes its Cominform dispute before U.N.
11—Prime Minister of India, Nehru, arrives for visit in United States.
14—Chinese Reds take Canton.
15—Wholesale arrest conducted by Communists continue in Czechoslovakia.
20—Yugoslavia elected to U.N. security council over Soviet protests.
28—George Bidault becomes French premier, ending crisis.
29—United States consul and staff seized by Reds at Mukden.

November

1—Dutch, Indonesians agree on terms for sovereign Indonesian state.
7—France and Canada team up to urge nations' A-bomb pact.
14—Indian extremists hanged for assassination of Gandhi. Britain delays date for nationalizing steel. Chinese Nationalists shell U.S. merchant ship. Chinese Reds ask U.N. to oust Nationalist delegates.
16—Washington refuses to recognize control body created for Danube by Russia.
20—President Chanis of Panama ousted by coup.
22—Fate of American consul-general arrested by Chinese Reds lies with peoples's court in Mukden. Ousted Panama president leads demonstration in Panama City. West implements Paris plan to ease controls on West German republic.
23—Chinese Reds release U.S. consul-general Angus Ward on suspended sentence.
24—Panama supreme court re-seats President Chanis, but police chief forces him out again. Dr. Arnulfo Arias becomes president.
26—Chinese Reds arrest U.S. vice-consul, William Stokes, in Mukden.
29—Cominform asks unseating of Yugoslavia's Tito.
30—Chinese Reds take Chunking, nationalist capital.

December

1—Western defense area divided into five groups in Paris meeting.
2—Nationalist China warned by U.S. upon ship attacks.
7—U.N. declares Jerusalem an international holy city. U.S. will meet Reds' terms for release of two Americans held in North Korea.
8—Chinese Nationalists abandon capital at Chengtu and flee to Formosa.
10—Labor party defeated in Australia elections.
11—North Korea Reds free two Yanks after 81 days detention.
12—Angus Ward and staff, freed by Chinese Reds, board ship for U. S.

Panorama

January

1—Needy children in China total 20 million, 15 million of whom were made homeless by war with Japan.
15—Air Force submits to Defense Secretary James Forrestal proposed policy to discontinue racial segregation in ranks.
29—Repairmen overhauling the White House open the building to reporters who found parts of it near collapse.

February

9—Film star Robert Mitchum and actress Lila Leeds sentenced to 60-day prison terms in Los Angeles court on marijuana charges.
23—Grady, inquisitive cow of Yukon, Okla., plunged into silo, achieved bovine fame while nation racked brains for four days over problem of how to get her out.
25—General Motors announces wages of 341,000 employees will be reduced under cost-of-living contract with union.
26—Axis Sally begins defense at treason trial by saying treason cannot be committed by "mere words."

March

1—Latest get-rich-quick scheme to sweep America is Pyramid club, which works on order of chain letter.
2—U.S. births reported by Public Health Service to number 3,559,000 in 1948.
26—Axis Sally sentenced from 10 to 20 years in prison for treason.

April

6—President Truman says he would not hesitate to use atom bomb under the same circumstances it was used on Japan.
16—Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicts slight drop in prices, incomes, production for 1949.
28—Russia completely jams "Voice of America" broadcasts to the U.S.S.R. containing accounts of negotiations ending Berlin blockade.

May

2—Atlanta city council bans public wearing of masks except for festive occasions. This is blow to Ku Klux Klan.
10—Frank Hague's 32-year rule as boss of Jersey City ends when Hague machine is swept out of office.
27—Movie star Rita Hayworth is married to Prince Aly Khan.

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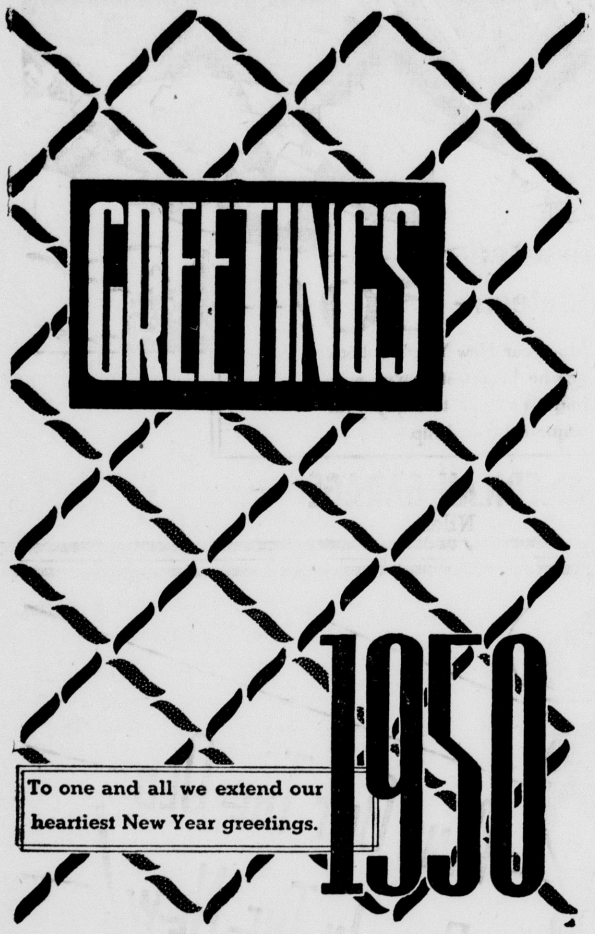

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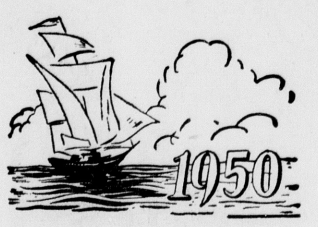

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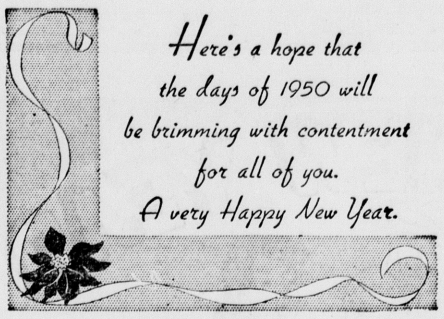

SLETTEN'S DEPARTMENT STORE
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THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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MARCH

Alfred Pashote was the guest of honor at a dinner party given him by the Newark Firemen's Club to commemorate his retirement as a commissioner after 19 years of service as a fireman and as commissioner.

Peter D. Juhl was named chairman of the Red Cross drive.

Lester Whitaker Jr. claimed as his bride the former Doris Rule of Vallejo.

R. A. Griffin, retiring from the Irvington Elementary School Board, was honored at a dinner.

Ford Pilgrim Hall of the Niles Congregational Church was dedicated at appropriate ceremonies.

A **daffodil tea** was held at the J. A. McDonald home in Niles under the sponsorship of the Ways and Means committee of the Country Club.

U. S. SENATOR SHERIDAN DOWNEY (center) paid a visit to Niles in February to study the water problem. He is shown with Engineer H. F. Harrold (left) and W. D. Patterson, president of the Alameda County Water District.

APRIL

Ernest Heaton was married to the former Dolores Johnson at the St. James Episcopal Church in Centerville.

Semplicio Zalizar murdered his uncle with a cauliflower knife in a running battle between Centerville and Irvington.

Alameda County Water District's **percolation plant** was completed at the gravel holes south of Niles.

Edward Enos was elected president of the Niles Rotary Club.

The **Irvington Chamber of Commerce** decided to "rejuvenate" its town park.

Announcement was made of the sale of the ancestial **Decoto family home** in Decoto to Frank Hernandez.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bettencourt of Irvington celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The **Toyon Branch** of Children's Hospital sponsored a garden tour in the township.

"Ted" Glassbrook, manager of the Niles office of the water company, died at an Alameda hospital after a heart attack.

Fred Mitte, long-time resident of Niles and prominent rancher in this area, was claimed by death.

A **zoning plan** for Irvington was given an okay at a public hearing.

Mrs. M. E. Amaral was elected the new president of the High School P.T.A.

Marlene Roche of the Centerville Elementary School won the annual Township Register Spelling Bee.

Eight clergymen of Washington Township voiced opposition to the Coaster Derby scheduled to be held on a Sunday, at Hidden Valley.

A member of one of the township's oldest families, Mrs. **Lena Decoto Blacow,** succumbed at the age of 85.

Mrs. F. A. Muller of Newark was chosen as one of 16 delegates in the San Francisco Presbytery to attend the annual general assembly of the highest governing body of the Presbyterian Church, to be held in Buffalo.

MAY

The **Niles Chamber of Commerce,** making its bid as the location for a sheriff's substation, received the answer of a flat "no" from Sheriff Gleason, who said that radio operation from Niles is not good.

Rosaline Egan was installed as president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Washington Township.

Mrs. John Cattaneo of Niles was installed as the Grand Regent of the new court of Catholic Daughters, organized in the township, the Court of Father de Lasuen No. 1508.

Gene Bramwell, Washington High hurler who pitched the Huskies through one of their most successful baseball seasons,

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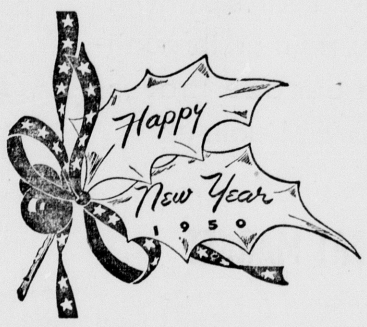
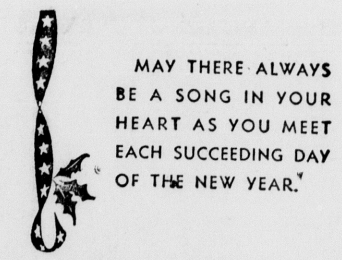
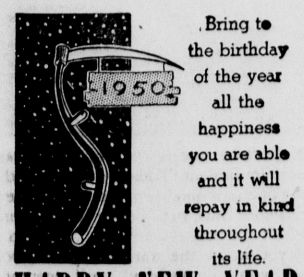




JERRY'S GIFT SHOP
Mrs. Geraldine Rogers Centerville



Bring to the birthday of the year all the happiness you are able and it will repay in kind throughout its life.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

COZZI'S VARIETY STORE
Niles

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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Township Cleaners
Irvington Ed Haynes, Prop.

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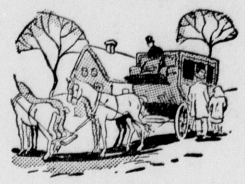
Greetings

A Happy New Year in the grand old way is our hope for you.
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CARDOZA
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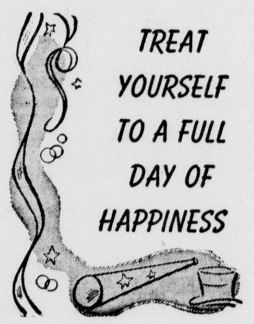
Centerville



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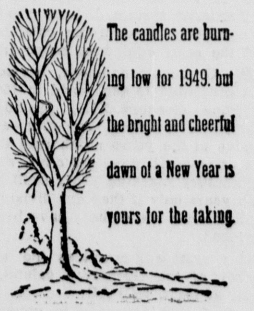

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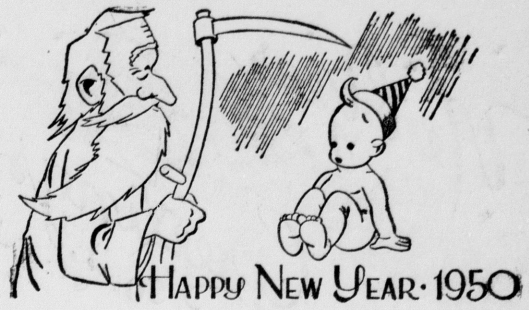
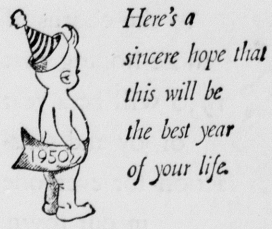
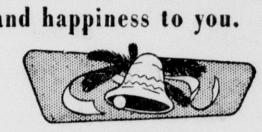




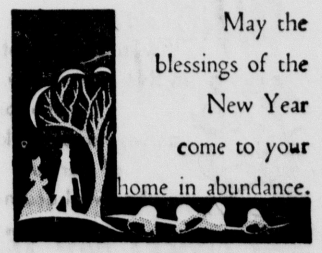
Here's a sincere hope that this will be the best year of your life.

WALTON DRUG COMPANY
PRESCRIPTIONS
Phone 8-8453 Centerville

The bells ring out the joyous New Year and their melody carries the refrain old, but ever new—success and happiness to you.



SEARS & HOUSTON
Newark Centerville



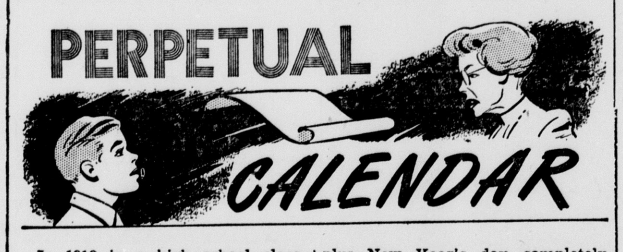
May the blessings of the New Year come to your home in abundance.

CHAPEL OF THE PALMS
Dallas C. Paul Centerville

We add our voice to the chorus of those hoping that 1950 will be a year of joy and satisfaction for everyone in our town.

NILES GARDEN BASKET
Joe Boliba, Proprietor

"TIME, YOU OLD GYPSY MAN" . . . Every 12 months, as the earth spins along its course, we fondly re-enact the cherished old conceit of the aged and worn man, representing the Old Year, meeting for a brief instant with his cherubic successor, the New Year. For in that bit of make-believe are embodied the resolutions we would make for ourselves, our faith in the future and our hope that things will be better next year.



In 1918 in a high school classroom, a 15-year old sophomore, confused by discussion of the calendar, asked his teacher: "Didn't the Caesars mess up the calendar?"

She snapped back: "Do you think you could make a better one?"

The boy, Willard Edwards, went home that night and thought up six calendars, one of which he considered superior to any he knew. One of them was up for discussion by Congress. It was presented to and received favorably by delegates at the world security conference at San Francisco. Edwards sees a possibility that his perpetual calendar soon may be the international calendar.

Edwards, a navy veteran of action in the Pacific, outlined his plans for the calendar. It would simplify the present system by a switch that would involve a change in only two days.

In the Edwards perpetual calendar, the year would have 364 days plus New Year's day completely apart from any month or week. It would be followed by Monday, the first day of the year. There would be 12 months, falling into a regularly rhythmical pattern of 30, 30, 31 days.

Monday, which psychologically is regarded as the first day of the week, would actually be first in the proposed calendar.

Leap Year day, like New Year's day, would be an international holiday, completely apart from any month. It would come following Sunday, June 31.

Labor Day and Christmas, for instance, would always be on Monday. With the possibility of a fixed Easter, there would be six three-day holidays. This, Edwards contends, would be of great advantage in planning vacations, transportation schedules, school terms, and especially to business concerns.

And for those of superstitious persuasion, there would be no Friday the 13th to worry about.

FIFTY CHERRY VARIETIES BEING STUDIED AT U. C.

More than 50 promising cherry selections—the result of some tens of thousands of hybrid crosses made since 1935—are being evaluated in the hope that improved commercial varieties man be developed, Dr. Reid C. Brooks of the University of California reported to San Joaquin cherry growers at a recent meeting held in Stockton.

The selections will be grown next season, he said, in an attempt to narrow the number to a few. Dr. Brooks is an associate professor of pomology on the Davis campus of the College of Agriculture.

The purpose of the cherry breeding program at Davis is six-fold, Dr. Brooks explained. Primary is the effort to increase the size of the fruit, particularly for shipping. Other aims of the work are to develop:

A firm-fleshed, dark-colored, full-flavored cherry for the early portion of the season, to replace Chapman and other soft early varieties;

New varieties to replace Royal Ann for canning and brining, eliminating the double-fruit often produced by Royal Ann;

A black variety—with better flavor than Bing—for canning in California;

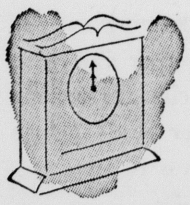
New varieties resistant or immune to one or several of the prevalent diseases, particularly a replacement for Black Tartarian, which is widely affected with crinkle -leaf.

"The production of a new variety that will stand up commercially takes a long time," Dr. Brooks said. "There may be many failures before even one selection looks as though it might make the grade."

Glacier National Park in northwestern Montana comprises 997,487 acres of federally owned land.

May the grand sense of freshness that accompanies the arrival of a New Year stay with you right on through the decade that is opening before us.

QUALITY MEAT MARKET
Niles



And all the cheer of the New Year is rightfully yours for the taking.

GILSTRAP'S 5-10 & UP
133 E. Main Street Centerville
"Look for the Clock"

New Year Resolutions Silly

So Say Psychiatrists

In the opinion of some of the nation's leading psychiatrists, the practice of making New Year resolutions is "silly."

They believe that any person going around making resolutions and informing all and sundry of his decision is something of an exhibitionist and, in addition, is being childish.

The experts add that these persons "probably never carry out the resolutions anyway."

Some agree that New Year resolutions have little value. They feel that resolutions aren't the best way of curbing difficulties and correcting one's self. They point out that, instead, the best method is giving thought to what causes trouble and trying rationally to correct these faults.

Children especially, the experts argue, should not be encouraged in "making resolutions." They contend a "child should be taught to do the best he can at all times and not save his difficulties for any particular time, and attempt to tear them all up by one superhuman effort that is almost sure to fail."

NO, old friends won't be forgotten in this community. Not so long as we have the kind of persons who live here now.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1950

PEERLESS GRILL
Ted Niles Elsie

MEASURED TIME

The ancient Egyptians were among the first people to figure out any so-called 'exact' measurement of time: Their calendar of 365 days was divided into 12 periods of 30 days each, with the remaining five days tacked on to the last period or month without any provision for leap years.

Actually, the solar year consists of 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds. Consequently, a well-ordered system of Leap Years is necessary to keep the calendar and the solar equinoxes congruent.

The Gregorian calendar, devised and presented to the world in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII, provides that years divisible by four—exclusive of the years numbering the centuries—shall have 366 days, and the century marking years shall be leap years only if they are divisible by four after the ciphers have been removed.

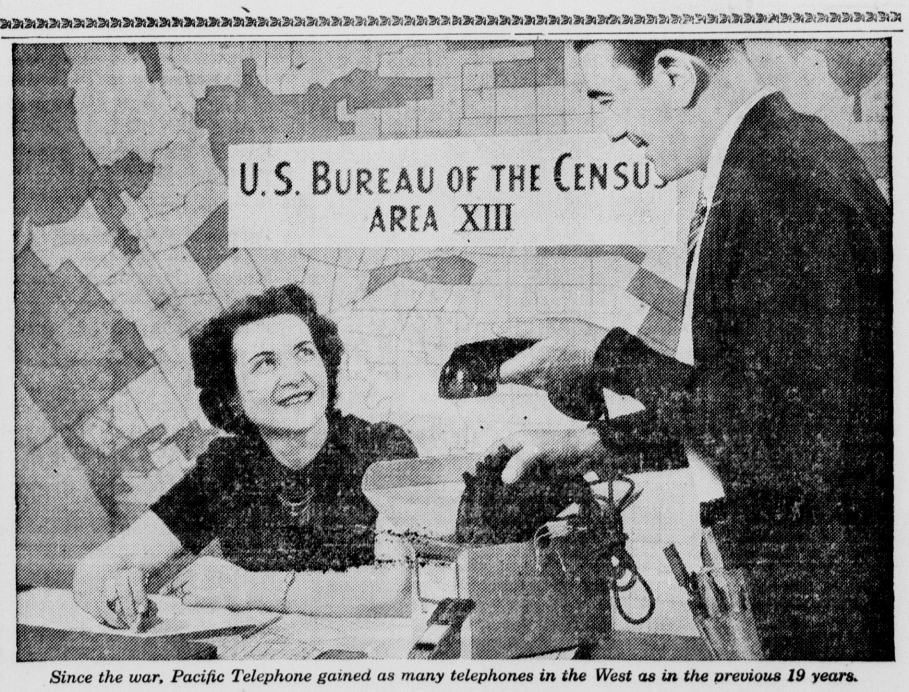
This system guarantees the accuracy of the Gregorian calendar until, at least, 2500 AD.

And if this accuracy is unique, the Moslem calendar is unique because of its inaccuracy—or rather, its regressive accuracy.

The 12 lunar months which comprise the Mohammedan year begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep the months geared to the solar equinoxes. Thus, the months retrogress through the entire solar year in about 33½ years.

Observance of legal holidays in the various states make up the number of "legal work-less days" which, if all were observed over the nation, would cut the United States work week to one day.

WITCHING HOUR . . . All across the land, as the hands of the clock approach midnight on Saturday, December 31, young ladies—and other people, too—will be pointing out the time and saying, "Look, it's almost 1950." They probably won't be wearing swim suits, however.



Since the war, Pacific Telephone gained as many telephones in the West as in the previous 19 years.

West's four-millionth telephone goes to work

1. Takes a lot of equipment to serve 4,000,000 telephones making 22,000,000 calls a day. And in just the few high-speed years since the war, we've almost doubled our facilities as measured in dollars. And those dollars have produced results. It took 45 years to install our first million telephones, 17 years to install the second million, 6 years for the third . . . and only 3½ years for the fourth.

2. Service keeps on improving as we add this new equipment. Today you can get the dial tone or the operator quickly in almost every exchange. Long Distance calls, nine out of ten of them, go through while you stay on the line...often in half a minute if you know the number. It's a good record. But we won't be satisfied until everyone who wants service has it...the best service ever.

3. Your own telephone today is more valuable as a result of the many we've added. You can call more of the people you want to call — more can call you. And your telephone does its work, big jobs and small, for only a few pennies a call. It's one of the best buys you can make with your dollars today.

Your telephone is one of today's best bargains

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company

ASSESSED VALUES INCREASE 50%

Taxable value of property in Alameda county is 50.9 per cent greater this year than it was in 1941-42, California Taxpayers' Association reported this week.

For 1949-50, total taxable value of property in the county reached $700,669,260, compared with $464,426,865 for 1941-42.

Assessed value of property in the county for this year is 6.2 per cent more than for last year, when it reached $660,061,225.

Statewide, the assessed value of taxable property is 80 per cent greater for 1949-50 than it was for 1941-42.

Total taxable value of property in California this year is $13,227,731,114, compared with $7,350,926,865 for 1941-42.

MEASLES, STAY 'WAY FROM OUR DOOR

Although there are a few cases of measles and mumps in Washington Township it appeared yesterday that no additional youngsters would have their Christmas joy so hampered.

Dr. James C. Malcolm, Alameda County health officer, stated that there have been no new cases reported in this area during the past week.

Use Register Want Ads!

IT WAS ALSO IN APRIL that the Ladies Auxiliary of the Niles V.F.W. elected officers. Shown above are: (seated left to right) Mmes, Julia Pine, Albie Mae Lemos, Betty Rose and Rose Norris; standing, Mrs. Gennelle Goularte, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. Viola Rose, Mrs. Carmelita Perry and Mrs. Lucille Martin.

RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE FOR NEW YEAR'S PARTY

There are still some reservations left for the big New Year's dinner folk-dance being sponsored by the Irvington Promenaders, and open to the public.

The affair is being held at the Alvarado school on New Year's Eve. The price of the dinner ($2.25) includes an evening of folk-dancing, favors, and fun. For reservations either Mr. or Mrs. Ed Mara should be contacted.

Sell it with a Register Want Ad!

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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was selected for "all-around" position on the Post-Enquirer All-City team.

The new **Sunday School addition** of the Centerville Presbyterian Church, and also the new Orgatron organ, were dedicated at formal ceremonies.

Endorsement of the **proposed county-wide Flood Control and Water Conservation District** was voted by both the Niles and Centerville Chambers of Commerce.

The Washington Huskie baseball team copped the S.C.V.A.L. title.

A **woman was killed,** while 26 fellow passengers escaped injury in a Peerless Stages bus crash on a rain-slicked pavement south of Irvington.

The Minstrel Show in Newark, sponsored by the Newark Youth Center and the Newark P.T.A., proved to be an outstanding entertainment and financial success.

JUNE

June brides included Marjorie Brunelli (Mrs. Don Plummer), Patricia Costa (Mrs. Robert Lewis), Sally Mayock (Mrs. Hollis Hartley), Doris Alameda (Mrs. Jordan Boyd Crowe).

Donna Cole, eleven-year-old sixth grade student at the Newark School, was announced as the winner of the Newark Sportsmen's Club essay contest on the subject, "Why Conserve Wild Life."

Lettuce prices toppled to a new low on the eastern market and shippers were confronted with the worst market situation

DALLAS C. PAUL Jr. of Centerville won the Newark Chamber of Commerce Coaster Derby at Hidden Valley Ranch in June. Shown above receiving trophy from Don Dias.

in the 15 years since lettuce had gained the importance of a major crop here.

A Niles boy, seven-year-old **George Mendoza,** was drowned at the Rose ranch swimming pool.

The **Southern Alameda County Horsemen's Club,** in full regalia, rode in the Livermore Rodeo parade.

Mrs. Laura Thane Whipple was honored at a joint meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and the Southern Alameda County Real Estate Board.

The town of **Irvington** began being served with Hetch-Hetchy water.

One hundred and thirty members of the senior class of the Washington Union High School received diplomas.

Walter Connolly of Irvington was elected **Grand Knight** of the local Knights of Columbus.

Lee Horat's engagement to Clayton George was announced at a large graduation party at the Frank George home.

Dallas C. (Butch) Paul Jr. of Centerville was first-place winner in the **Coaster Derby** sponsored by the Newark Chamber of Commerce.

Eldena Vierra became the bride of Antone Largarticha.

Elvamae Rose, 16-year-old Newark resident, won the title of "Queen of the 1949 Alameda County Fair."

Howard Alves was married to Lola Anderson at a wedding in Spokane, Washington.

JULY

Geraldine Sharp and **Frank Scamman** were married at a simple home wedding.

Funeral rites were held for the **Reverend Father James J. McLaughlin,** 49, pastor of St. Edward's Church in Newark.

The **Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation** bill was passed unanimously by both houses of the California Legislature.

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It is our wish that the passing of time will bring you only increased prosperity and joy!

M. R. SILVA
General Contractor
Niles

It's the New Year Again...

Whatever your 1950 New Year's resolutions may be, we know they were made in the high spirit of hope and ambition. Success to all of you.

BERGE MORTUARIES
Thomas J. Berge — Irvington
Ben Murphy — Niles

. . . with the hope and faith that 1950 will bring with it happiness and peace for all!

E. C. PARKS
REAL ESTATE - INSURANCE
(Successor to Parks & DeCaen)
Niles

The time is come again when we take stock of the opportunities which lie before us, and it is our hope that will mean the most successful of all New Years for you.

PEERLESS STAGES

We'll be thinking well of you when the midnight bells peal in the glad New Year.

CITIZENS UTILITIES COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA
Niles

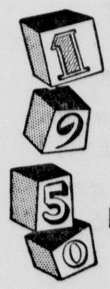
Once more all things are possible for all men to achieve.

Happiness ceases to be merely a word and again becomes a sincere wish.

WHITAKER PHARMACY
NILES

A year filled copiously with good will—our wish to you for the New Year!

POND PHARMACY
Irvington



Nothing is more convenient than the New Year for a fresh start at life. Best of luck to all of you.

CENTERVILLE FOOD MARKET
George - David - Vee - Bill - Charlie

for 1950~
Happy Days

SCOTT'S SHOE STORE
Niles

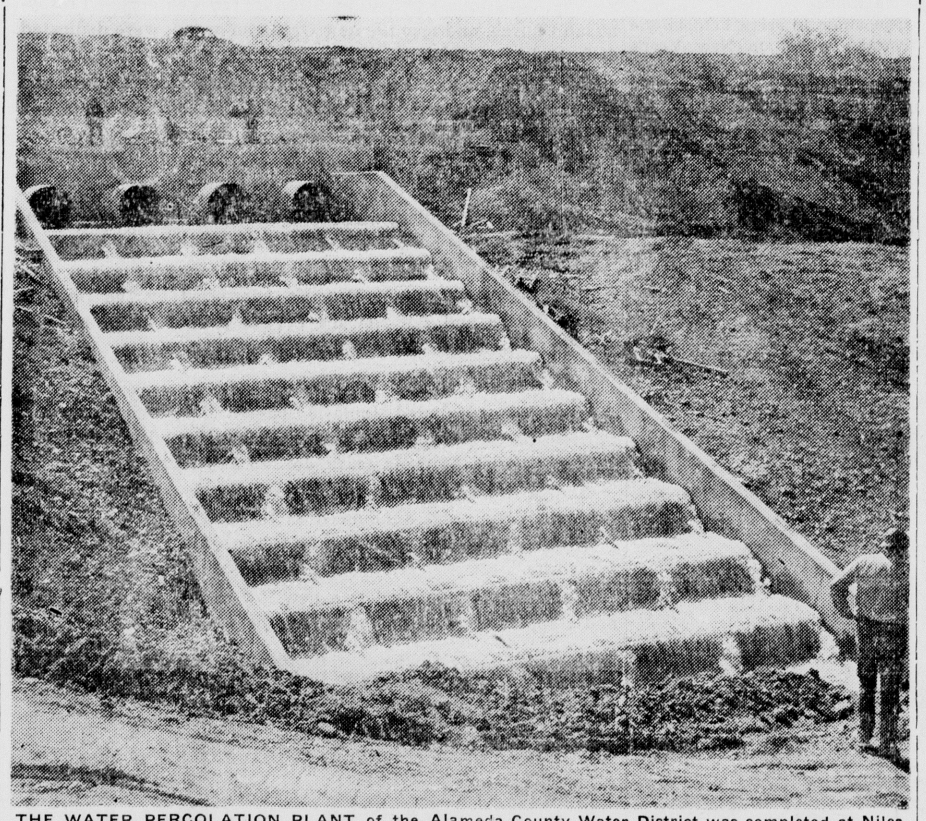
GREETINGS 1950

And our many thanks for your wonderful patronage during 1949.

THE ELLSWORTH COMPANY
Niles

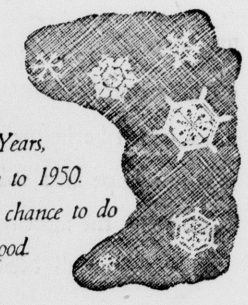
FORD PILGRIM HALL of the Niles Congregational Church was dedicated in March. Shown above at the ceremonies are: (l. to r.) L. M. Potts, builder; Paul Offel, Fred Duffie, Mrs. W. H. Ford (for whom the hall was named), W. F. Lamoreux, Dr. Sydney Buckham, Rev. Donald Kirkbride, pastor, Bain Leask and John Brahmst.

MARLENE ROCHE of Centerville won the Township Register's Third Annual Spelling Bee in April.



THE WATER PERCOLATION PLANT of the Alameda County Water District was completed at Niles and christened in April by President W. D. Patterson.

New Year Cheer 1950



NEW CITY MARKET
Manuel E. Duarte Niles

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1950

Let's hope you strike it rich this year.

DE LUXE BARBER SHOP
Niles

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A reception was held at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado for Norman Mello and his bride, the former Maxine Harris, who were married in Nevada.

Paul Fracolli and his bride, the former Thelma Curran, returned from a honeymoon at Catalina.

The township mourned the death of **Rt. Rev. Msgr. Alfred M. deSousa**, for 36 years pastor of Holy Ghost Church in Centerville.

Vivian Rose became the bride of Clifford Costa at a nuptial mass.

Dedication and opening of the first major section of the new 17 million dollar super 6-lane **Eastshore Freeway** took place.

Betty Allender and Joe Bettencourt eloped to Reno to be married.

Diane Ferraris became the bride of Edward Sousa.

The Township Register, published in one location for 40 years, announced that it would move to a new site.

Allan Walton of Centerville offered a piece of property without cost to the County Supervisors to be used as the location of a sheriff's substation.

The **Safeway Stores** purchased a building site in Centerville where a new modern market will be built.

Janet Hermoso became the bride of Daniel Mello.

AUGUST

A nation-wide bulletin calling for the arrest of **Kenneth A. Pettibone**, 37, Centerville, was filed to return the well-known hay and grain buyer to San Jose on a charge of grand theft involving some $30,000 in missing funds.

Mildred Rose became the bride of Joaquin Naharro.

Death claimed the township's first polio fatality, Mrs. Leona Turner, 39, of Niles.

Dora Blair Fuller and Harry Weber were married in Reno at St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral.

Manuel Bernardo, prominent Centerville agriculturist, announced his resignation as president of the Alameda County Farm Bureau.

Archibishop J. J. Mitty dedicated the new Novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Mission San Jose.

Mrs. Stella Benbow was named to head the Community Chest campaign.

Laura Mae Medeiros of Mission San Jose became the bride of Arthur Brown of Newark.

SEPTEMBER

The three million dollar **open hearth furnace** was opened at the Pacific States Steel plant in Niles.

Gilbert de Borba of Centerville was married to Beryl Byron of Walnut Creek.

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From Oregon City

A house guest of the Kenneth Fosters of Newark is Miss R. V. Cooke, an aunt, who has come from her home in Oregon City to be here over the holidays.

The Scots have always made a big fuss over New Years, and no wonder. The wassail bowl goes 'round at New Year's time, filled with savory liquid and nostalgic memories.

Traditionally, the wassail bowl itself should be an ornament of graceful design; its contents should be warm and spicy—with sweetened wine, ale, sugar, and nutmeg.

Custom dictates that at the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve, the head of the household should sip the mixture and then pass it among those present. A favorite custom of the Scots has been to pile into wagons or sleighs carrying kettles full of the wassail, cheese and buns. The party stops at various houses in the community and the refreshments go 'round at each stop without paying much attention to the approaching dawn.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was quite the vogue in the United States around the turn of the 20th century. Newspapers carried columns of 'at home' notices announcing the hours during which visitors would be received. And having duly received, hosts and hostesses closed their receptions and joined the procession of callers at other 'open houses.'

Bulk of Redwood forests of California cover over 2 million acres.

Take your signals for 1950 from the bowl football games. Fight hard and clean. Compete with all you've got.

For there is a New Year upon us, bright and unspoiled. May it remain so for you.

PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT
Niles

1950 Joy to all

May the New Year bring you and yours the brightest treasure of your dreams.

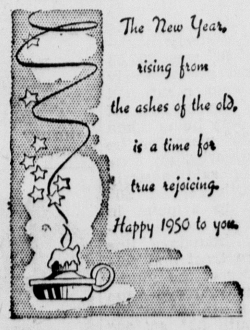
JOE'S CORNER
Niles

The old cares and worries have passed. May the year be full of joy.

LEASK'S GROCERY & SERVICE STATION
Niles-Centerville Highway

NILES FURNITURE CO.
Walter Chrysler Niles

MILDRED'S APPAREL
175 South Main St. Centerville



VEE BEE APPAREL
Centerville

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John Myrick and Exie Foster were married at the Niles Congregational Church.

The 19th annual **Pacific Coast Swiss wrestling matches** were held at Swiss Park with 27 wrestlers from Washington, Oregon and California competing for the coveted crowns.

Mr. and Mrs. Aniceto Roche Jr. (Thelma Santos) were enroute to Canada on their honeymoon.

Enrollment records—3311 students in nine township schools—toppled as school opened for the new term.

Representatives of **Township Chambers of Commerce** cited the need for a Township Chamber at a joint meeting at the California Inn.

Mary Rogers became the bride of Lawrence J. Rogers Jr.

Myra Burnsed married William Pennington.

Thirty-nine **Pacific States Steel workers** were charged with fraudulently receiving unemployment compensation checks.

The Department of Public Works of the Division of Highways announced plans for improving the dangerous Niles Canyon railroad underpass one and a half miles east of Niles.

A **Baptist Church** was opened in Niles.

Cecelia A. (Tillie) Janeiro and her bridegroom, Leonard Dondero, left on a honeymoon to Lake Louise.

Esther Costa and Bob Silveira were married at St. Joseph's Church.

OCTOBER

Lorretta Lewis became the bride of Albert Rosenga Jr.

Pauline Nickas and Bob McIvor were married at the Centerville Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Donald Kirkbride resigned as pastor of the Niles Congregational Church to take a post in Washington.

A **Washington Township Historical Society** was organized here.

W. D. Patterson, president of the Alameda County Water District, was named to the nine-member advisory committee of the new Alameda County Flood Control District by Supervisor Chester E. Stanley.

The **Community Chest** set a goal of $6040 for itself.

Rosella Lorenson and Ellsworth Kerr became mister and missus at a ceremony performed at the Congregational Church.

Anna Ponti was married to Keith Padgett of Oakland at Carson City, Nevada.

NOVEMBER

George Bonde Jr. and Charlotte Geary of San Francisco exchanged wedding vows at Grace Cathedral.

J. V. Goold, district superintendent, Washington Union High School District, predicted that the present enrollment of 711 at Washington would be doubled in five years.

The **Westvaco Chemical plant** at Newark, which closed down production on October 17 because of the wide-spread steel strike, resumed normal operation.

The Rev. Alfred Focht, 34, of Chicago, was extended a call to the pastorate of the Niles Congregational Church.

The **Irvington Boy Scout Troop** won the lion's share of awards at the annual Boy Scout Rodeo held in the gymnasium of Washington Union High School.

Positive approval of a proposal to annex the area immediately southeast of Niles to the **Union Sanitary District** was expressed by a majority of residents of the area who attended a meeting at the Niles Elementary School.

John Souza was elected president of the Warm Springs Chamber of Commerce.

DECEMBER

Brides of the month: Gertrude Mozzetti (Mrs. Edward Dutra), June Santos (Mrs. Ralph Suter), Dorothy Albert (Mrs. Charles de Rosa), Pat Harrold (Mrs. John Thomson), Judy Hill (Mrs. William Decker), Adele Bertolotti (Mrs. George Smith), Norma Biale (Mrs. Harold Burns).

A celebration, ushering in the **Christmas season**, was held in Centerville under the sponorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

Announcement came from the high school that a class in gardening and **landscape designing**, under the direction of Landscape Architect Don Smith, would begin under the sponsorship of the adult education program on the evening of January 9.

The annual **Yule Pageant** of the high school played before a capacity crowd.

Fred Melhase of Newark was named Master of the Alameda Lodge No. 167, F. & A.M., Centerville. He succeeded Ray Jolliff.

Gonzales Paniagua was elected president of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty million gallons of water, a surplus of San Francisco's water supply, will flow into Washington Township each day next summer to give more than adequate supply for pumping to farms and industries, it was indicated by W. D. Patterson, president of the Alameda County Water District.

The pre-Christmas festivities of the township were marred by the announcement of the worst township tragedy of the year —the annihilation of the entire **Antone P. George family** by asphyxiation.

MISSION SAN JOSE NEWS

By LOIS BOTTENBERG

Lois Bottenberg

BANNER YEAR FOR P. O.

This was a banner year at the Mission post office for the 3 smiling and kidding gals, Lo, Flo and Roe, who work there.

Business was extra good, the patrons were extra swell and, all in all, 1949 could not have been better.

A LIVELY PLACE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Kamp in Placerville was a lively place over the holiday week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kamp and family of Pacific Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Santos, Diane and Michael of Burlingame, great-grandad Walter Justus of Sacramento and "Nana" and Glenn Bottenberg of Mission San Jose there to have a wonderful dinner and a grand time watching the kiddies open their packages. Later the Santos family went to Sacramento where they spent Sunday with her father, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Justus, and on Monday the Bottenbergs took Walter Justus back to Sacramento and visited Glenn's folks, the John Heintz' of that city.

A HAPPY OCCASION

Molly, the smiling waitress at Helen's Fountain, was a happy person over the holidays for her hubby, Art Steele, came home to spend the holidays from his work at Cool. She and her son, Douglas, make their home with her parents on Ellsworth Street, and Christmas day saw Kim, Verna and son Mickie McBride, Evie and Albert and Linda, Harvey, Molly, Art and Douglas Steele, Elva, Pete and Midge Brayovich, Barbara and Mervin Santos, all home for Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Santos.

TO SELMA

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semas of Helen's Fountain closed lock, stock and barrel at midnight Christmas Eve and, after midnight mass at St. Joseph's Church, motored to Selma where they spent a delightful Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Francis Enos and family.

FROM EAGLE ROCK

Coming from Eagle Rock, near Los Angeles, to spend the Christmas holidays at the Mission Hereford Ranch with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Thompson and son, Thompy, were Grandmother and Grandad J. F. Windas, accompanied by Uncle Harold Root.

HAPPY GRANDMA

Hannah Rose was a happy grandmother this year, for Grandson Wynn Buck and Mommie Myrt and Pop Ed came from Hayward to spend the Christmas holiday here at the old home place. They returned on Sunday evening.

RECUPERATING

Mrs. Rose Rogers, who underwent surgery at the San Jose Hospital several weeks ago, is recuperating at the home of her son, Clifford and Esther Rogers in Centerville. She will go later to a cousin's in Hayward to stay for several weeks before returning to her home here. We hear that daughter Lorraine Bastian of San Jose has not been so well. Perk up kid.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Little Miss Mary Ann Telles, age three years, had a wonderful birthday party on December 22 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Telles, where she entertained her guests in a home decorated in all the Christmas colors and a huge Christmas tree. Her birthday was really on the 24th of December, but a few days earlier did not dim the fun and happiness of the sweet little Miss and her guests. Auntie Roe Lair, who was invited and expected to be home for the affair from Jacksonville, Florida, was detained until after the first of the year. Her other guests who enjoyed games and late rrefreshments and, of course, that wonderful birthday cake with three candles, were: Cousins Barbara Jo, Kathleen and Linda Joyce Fereira of Niles, William Garcia III of Niles, David and Gerald Telles, Eddie Allan and Glenn Andrade and Melber Tucker of Mission San Jose; Aunts Dolores Telles, Rosemary Tucker, Francis Garcia, Angie Fereira, Minnie Abreu, Uncle Bobbie Stefanoni; and Grandmothers Rose Telles and Alice Stefanoni of Livermore. Of course Mommie Irene Telles helped her little daughter to be a good hostess.

FAMILY REUNION

The Joseph Telles home on the Livermore highway was the scene of a family reunion again this year as Rosalyn and Marie prepared the good old bird for all the gang. Marie, Shorty and Janice Cunha, Stanley Garcia, Joseph Jr. and Sr. Telles, Dick and Velma Valencia of Milpitas, Clarence and Estelle Telles and family of Centerville, all enjoyed the day very much.

DINNER-DANCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Irvington Promenaders are sponsoring a New Year's Eve dinner and folk dance to be held at the auditorium of the Alvarado Elementary School.

Reservations should be made with Mr. or Mrs. Ed Mara, Niles.

Twenty-five million acres of California is desert and barren land.

AID IN PROGRAM FOR NEEDY VETERANS

The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary of Washington Township Post participated in the Mary Good Will program sponsored by the Post Enquirer for needy veterans of the east bay area.

Mrs. Angie Furtado, child welfare chairman, and Mrs. Stella Benbow, rehabilitation chairman for the local Auxiliary, reported that through participation on the program food baskets were distributed here last week to needy families of veterans.

It has also been announced that the December 28 meeting, which has been postponed, will be held on January 11.

Most of man's migrations throughout the centuries have been in search of grassland for grazing cattle and sheep.

Have you read the Want Ads?

NOTICE!

No cab service from 8 p.m. New Year's Eve to 8 a.m. January 1, 1950. Regular service thereafter.

NILES TAXI SERVICE
PHONE 4475

As time flips
the leaves of
your calendar,
may each new
page bring joy
and satisfaction.
Happy New Year!

AL'S SERVICE STATION
UNION OIL CO. PRODUCTS
Opposite International Kitchen
AL BORDENAVE

MAY YOUR NEW YEAR BE HAPPY

NEWARK PHARMACY
J. P. and L. C. O'Connor Newark

Let joy be unconfined. This is 1950 coming up.
May it be a year of happy destiny for you.

KATHERINE'S BAKERY
Newark

June

2—"Wall Street Journal" survey reveals used car prices "melting like snow under a hot spring sun."
6—American Medical association "gags" its chief spokesman and concedes U.S. needs adequate public health plan.
25—Attorney General Tom Clark orders F.B.I. investigation of terrorism in Alabama where several have been beaten or intimidated by hooded night riders.

July

1—Justice department files anti-trust suit in U.S. district court in Chicago aimed at breaking up du Pont empire.
15—Charles (Lucky) Luciano, ex-New York vice king, barred from Rome after being questioned about narcotics ring.
25—Thomas Mann receives Goethe prize for literature in first visit to native Germany in 16 years.

August

8—Photometer, which accurately measures constituents of single cells, is demonstrated at Columbia university.
4—Dispute over federal aid to religious schools between Cardinal Spellman and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt ends.
19—FCC announces a ban on radio and television quiz programs.

September

1—General Harry Vaughan defends himself in "5-per center" probe and keeps White House job. Defense Secretary Johnson wants to abolish senators' world trips at government expense.
9—American expedition to find Noah's Ark fails.
13—U.S. district judge restrains FCC from enforcing prohibition of give-away programs.
29—Tokyo Rose found guilty of treason.

October

3—Agriculture department reports Americans spending 2 per cent less of their incomes for food than last year. Vatican reports 423 million Catholics in the world.
17—Ilse Koch, convicted as murderess of Buchenwald concentration camp in Germany, formally released from military prison after her life sentence is commuted.
27—Dr. Walter Hess, Zurich, and Dr. Antonio Moniz, Lisbon, divide Nobel prize for medicine for work on brain function.

November

4—Dealers urge no hoarding of coffee during shortage.
16—Shah of Iran arrives for American visit.
18—Vice-President Alben Barkley marries Mrs. Carleton Hadley of St. Louis.
19—Eighteen of 20 who went down on B-29 near Bermuda rescued.
29—New drug, neomycin, works wonders in ending kidney infections.

December

2—U.S. may have "booster" bomb to set off more powerful bomb. Mt. Etna eruptions threaten Sicilian towns.
5—Former Rep. Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) enters federal prison on fraud sentence. Census bureau says employment is up. Shirley Temple gets divorce on "liquor and lipstick" plea.
8—New Jersey citizens told to curtail use of water. G.I. found hiding in tent in Germany with fraulein and baby. New German drug reported as "promising" treatment for cancer.
10—Vice-President Barkley satirizes self at Gridiron club banquet.

Deaths

January

1—Sir Malcolm Campbell, first man to exceed 300 mph on land.
3—Robert Ingersoll Aitken, sculptor.
4—Dr. August Herman Pfund, authority on infra-red and other rays and on optics.
5—Joseph H. McNabb, Bell and Howell president.
11—Nelson Doubleday, book and magazine publisher.

February

10—Isoo Abe, who introduced baseball to Japan.
12—Battling Levinsky, former light heavyweight boxing champ.
23—Francis Edwin McMurtrie, editor of "Jane's Fighting Ships."
28—John Sanburn Phillips, co-founder of McClure's Magazine and founder of American Magazine. Charles Hanson Towne, author, poet, editor

March

4—Arthur Atwater Kent, inventor, philanthropist, famous host.
6—Sen. Joseph Melville Broughton, Democrat, N.C., former governor of his state.
7—Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of house foreign affairs committee.
11—Gen. Henri-Honore Giraud, French hero of both world wars.

April

15—Wallace Beery, veteran screen star.
27—Frederic C. Walcott, Republican senator from Connecticut, 1929-34, author of RFC bill.

May

3—Joseph Peter DiMaggio, father of ballplayers Joe, Dominic and Vincent DiMaggio.
6—Count Maurice Maeterlinck, Belgian poet and dramatist, author of "The Blue Bird."
10—Sam Breadon, ex-president of St. Louis Cardinals. Neysa McMein, portrait painter, illustrator, writer.
18—Dr. James Truslow Adams, historian, Pulitzer prize winner.
22—James V. Forrestal, former secretary of defense, by suicide.

June

10—Sigrid Undset, Danish-born Norwegian novelist.
14—Charles B. (Uncle Charlie) Moran, National league baseball umpire. Russell Doubleday, retired publisher and author.
26—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, interior secretary in Hoover cabinet.

July

2—Georgi Dimitrov, Communist premier of Bulgaria.
8—Harold H. Knerr, cartoonist who drew Katzenjammer Kids.
19—Frank Murphy, associate justice of the supreme court.

August

1—George Moran (Searcy), survivor of Moran and Mack, the "two black crows."
12—Al Shean, survivor of Gallagher and Shean, comedy team.
16—Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind."
18—Dr. Samuel Green, imperial wizard of Association of Georgia Klans (K.K.K.)

September

3—Maj. Gen. Walter Short, army commander at Pearl Harbor when Japan attacked.
8—Richard Strauss, German composer.
10—Wiley Blount Rutledge, associate justice of supreme court.
15—Ernest Edward Bonham, Pittsburgh Pirate pitcher, former Yankee star.
18—Frank Morgan, film star.
19—Will Cuppy, author, critic and humorist.

October

6—Robert Emmet Hannegan, ex-postmaster general and Democratic national chairman. Col. Matt J. Winn, who made Kentucky Derby famous.

November

6—Rex Mays, leading auto racing driver.
8—Clyde M. Reed, senator from Kansas.
25—"Bojangles" Bill Robinson, dancer.
27—William H. King, four-term Democratic senator from Utah.

December

11—Clifford Berryman, editorial cartoonist for Washington Star.

The key to western development is cheap electric power, according to economic experts.

Less than a dozen varieties of grapes are grown substantially as table grapes.

Channel Swim

Aly Khan and Wife

5 Per Center Probe

Inauguration

DOG OWNERS ARE GIVEN WARNING

Dog owners in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County must procure their 1950 licenses prior to Februray 15, 1950, or pay a penalty, G. E. Wade, county clerk, announced this week.

Wade has worked out a schedule for the accommodation of dog owners and will have a deputy on duty in six of the towns of Washington Township during January to issue licenses.

The fee for male and spayed female dogs is $1.00 per year; for unspayed females the fee is $2.00, and the cost of a kennel license is $10.00.

He has announced that dogs found roaming without a license will be picked up by enforcement officers and impounded.

Licenses may be procured at the following towns on the dates listed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.:

Newark, fire house, January 11.
Irvington, fire house, January 12.
Decoto, library, January 18.
Alvarado, library, January 19.
Centerville, justice court, Jan. 30.
Niles, justice court, January 31.

LAST RITES HELD FOR JESUS C. LOPEZ

Jesus Carrillo Lopez, 54, Decoto, a laborer at the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado, died Wednesday, December 21, in an Oakland hospital.

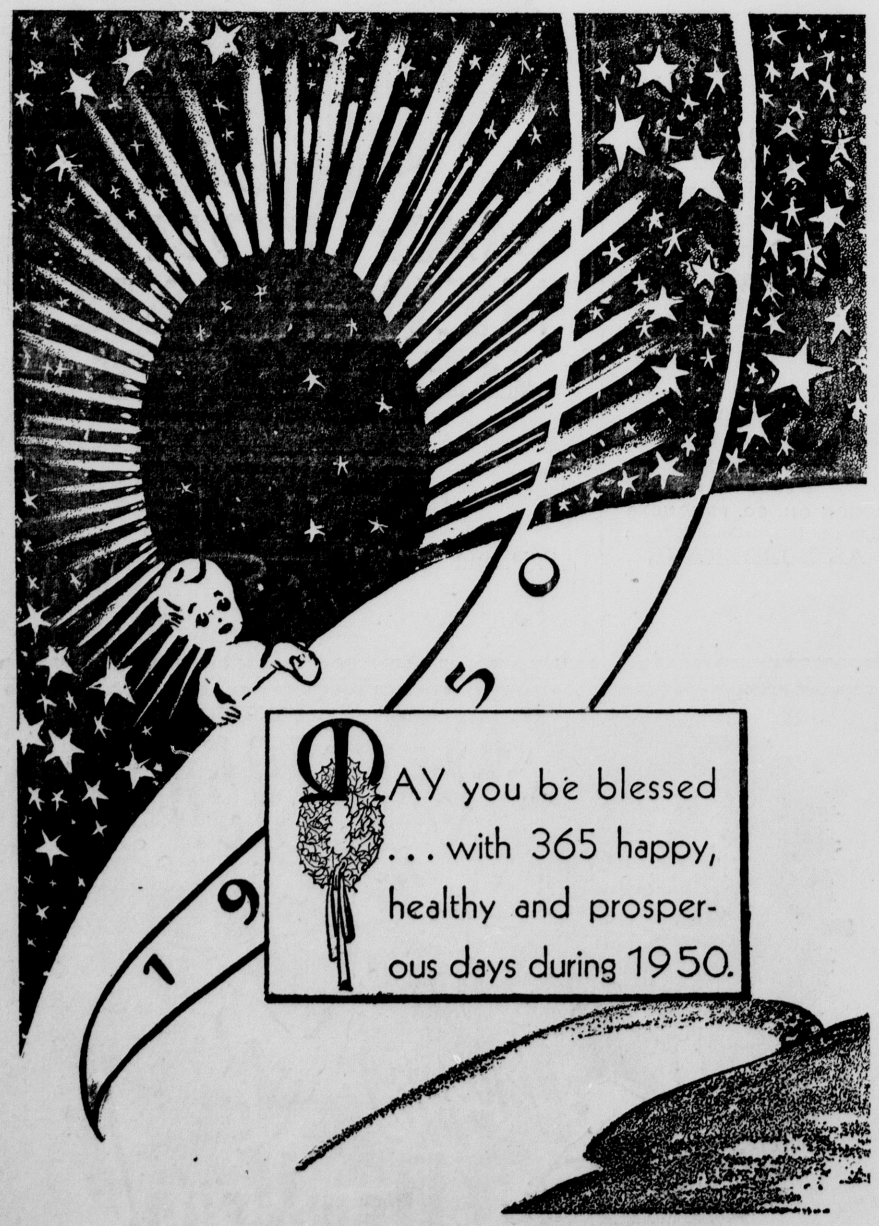
The deceased, a native of Mexico, had no family in this country.

Funeral services were held from the parlors of the Berge Mortuary Company in Niles at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by a requiem mass at Corpus Christi Church at 9 a.m.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Hayward.

SHANKS UNION OIL SERVICE
Niles

CASTRO DAIRY
Niles



PACIFIC STATES STEEL CORP.
Niles

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

No. 223570 Dept. 1

SUMMONS

JOSEPH F. VARGAS, JR., Plaintiff,

vs.

SALBIO HIGUERA, MARIA HIGUERA, FRANCISCA HIGUERA, THOMAS HIGUERA, FERNANDO HIGUERA, JABIEL HIGUERA, LEANDRO HIGUERA, NARCISCO HIGUERA, ALBINO HIGUERA, JESUS HIGUERA, SOLEDAD HIGUERA de AMADOR, EDWARD F. PALMER, EDWARD SALZ, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

SALBIO HIGUERA, MARIA HIGUERA, FRANCISCA HIGUERA, THOMAS HIGUERA, FERNANDO HIGUERA, JABIEL HIGUERA, LEANDRO HIGUERA, NARCISCO HIGUERA, ALBINO HIGUERA, JESUS HIGUERA, SOLEDAD HIGUERA de AMADOR, EDWARD F. PALMER, EDWARD SALZ, and also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants:

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the Complaint filed in the County of Alameda, in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within said County, or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

The object of said action is to obtain a judgment and decree of said Court adjudging and declaring that neither of said Defendants, nor any of them, have any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, to or upon the real property in said Complaint and hereinafter described, or any part or portion thereof, adverse to Plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon Plaintiff's title thereto and that the title of said Plaintiff in and to said real property and every part and portion thereof is good and valid and that said Plaintiff is entitled to have said title quieted against said Defendants, and each of them, and that said Defendants, and each of them, be forever enjoined and debarred from asserting any claim whatever in, to or upon said property, or any part or portion thereof, adverse to said Plaintiff.

That said real property consists of all that certain real property in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL I: BEGINNING at the northeast corner of that certain 5.48 acre tract conveyed by Narcisso Higuera to A. W. Anderson, by deed dated August 2, 1876 and recorded in book 129 of Deeds at page 459, Records of Alameda County; and running thence along the southerly line of a private road as fenced, the following distances and courses; North 73° 06′ east 330 feet; north 87° 49′ 30″ east 97.02 feet; and south 71° 10′ 30″ east 60.06 feet to a corner in the fence; thence leaving the southerly line of said private road south 6° 55′ 30″ east 71.28 feet to a point in Arroyo Agua Frio; thence following the meander of the Arroyo Agua Frio downstream the following courses and distances: south 72° 11′ west 105.52 feet; north 42° 17′ 30″ west 51.57 feet; south 64° 45′ west 54.71 feet; south 0° 45′ 30″ east 55.29 feet; north 63° 50′ 30″ west 46.95 feet; north 37° 21′ 30″ west 55.30 feet; south 68° 46′ west 62.74 feet; south 42° 35′ 30″ west 67.35 feet; north 58° 22′ west 38.20 feet; south 49° 21′ west 27.72 feet to a point on the most easterly boundary line of that certain 5.48 acre piece hereinbefore mentioned; thence along the aforesaid easterly boundary north 41° 39′ west 91.74 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 0.952 acres; and

BEING that same tract of land conveyed by A. W. Anderson to C. N. Felton, by deed dated October 15, 1888 and recorded in book 357 of Deeds at page 143, Alameda County Records.

PARCEL II: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly boundary line of that certain 531.52 acre tract described in that certain deed from Chas W. Hathaway to Edmund V. Hathaway, dated November 17, 1856 and recorded in book "F" of deeds at page 496, Alameda County Records, said point being distant along said easterly boundary, north 22° 49′ 30″ west 694.65 feet from the most southeasterly corner of the above mentioned 531.52 acre tract, the bearing of said easterly boundary being taken as north 22° 49′ 30″ west, for the purpose of this description; running thence along said easterly boundary line north 22° 49′ 30″ west 1137.05 feet to a point in the Arroyo Agua Frio; thence leaving said easterly boundary line of said 531.52 acre tract and following the meander of the southerly bank of the said Arroyo Agua Frio downstream, south 22° 05′ 00″ west 293 feet; south 53° 40′ 30″ west 222.42 feet; and south 69° 40′ 30″ west 160.57 feet; thence leaving the southerly bank of the aforesaid Arroyo Agua Frio, south 23° 39′ east 892.96 feet to a point on the line distant northwesterly 694.58 feet, measured at a right angle from the southerly boundary line of the above mentioned 531.52 acre piece, and parallel thereto, said point being distant along said parallel line south 66° 21′ west 570.76 feet from the easterly boundary line of the aforesaid 531.52 acre tract; and running thence north 66° 21′ east 570.76 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 12.563 acres; and

BEING a portion of the aforementioned 531.52 acre tract.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint as arising upon contract or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, this 5th day of December, 1949.

(SEAL) G. E. WADE, Clerk
By W. W. LINDGREN, Deputy

E. A. Quaresma
Attorney for Plaintiff
Niles, California. D9,16,23,30J6

KIMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

John Kimber, owner of Kimber Poultry Farms, was host to his employees at a ham dinner given last Thursday at the Farms, in celebration of the Yule season. An exchange of gifts was part of the program.

Sell it with a Register Want Ad!

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED SALE AND TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MANUEL E. DUARTE, Intended Seller, residing at Niles, California, intends to sell to ALFRED ANDREW KING, Intended Buyer, residing at Niles, California, an undivided one-half interest in and to that certain grocery store business operated under the name of "NEW CITY MARKET," located at 617 First Street, Niles, Alameda County, California, together with all business furniture, furnishings, equipment, stock on hand and the good will of said business.

A general statement of the character of the property intended to be sold is as follows: an undivided one-half interest in and to the equipment, fixtures and other things incidental to the grocery business carried on at said "New City Market" located at 617 First Street, Niles, Alameda County, California.

That the purchase price and consideration is to be paid on January 3, 1950, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day at the law office of E. A. QUARESMA, Ellsworth Building, Niles, California.

Dated: December 17, 1949.

ALFRED ANDREW KING
Intended Buyer

E. A. Quaresma
Attorney at Law
Ellsworth Building
Niles, California. D23,30,J6,13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 109431 Dept. 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned executrix of the will of JOHN G. LOGAN, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to, within six months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of NORRIS AND BROUN, 114 North Main Street, Centerville, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

ANNIE J. LOGAN
Executrix of the will of the above named decedent.

Dated: November 16, 1949.

NORRIS AND BROUN,
Attorneys for Executrix,
Centerville, California.
D9,16,23,30

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 109604 Dept. 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of MARIA ALAMEDA, also known as MARY ALAMEDA and MRS. MARY ALAMEDA, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having clams against the said decedent to, within SIX MONTHS after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers to me, at the law office of E. A. QUARESMA, Ellsworth Building, Niles, California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

Dated: December 15, 1949.

PAULINE SILVA
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of the above named decedent.

E. A. QUARESMA
Attorney at Law
Niles, California. D16,23,30,J6

WHITAKER PHARMACY
NILES 4410

...Around the Township...

Anniversary Surprise On Christmas Eve

A Red Chile celebration was observed Christmas Eve at the Joseph Bauhofer home in Centerville. The family gathered at the home for the usual opening of Christmas packages and a Yule supper, but the biggest surprise came later in the evening when Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Jones, parents of Mrs. Joseph Bauhofer Jr., were presented with a beautifully decorated cake which bore the inscription "Happy 30th Wedding Anniversary."

It was thirty years ago on Christmas Eve that Mr. and Mrs. Jones were united in marriage at Brisbane, Australia. Mrs. Jones received a lovely wrist watch as an anniversary gift.

Present for the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauhofer Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauhofer Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Bauhofer and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Wipfli and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Roche and family and Tommy Imholtz. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ramsell were invited but were unable to attend.

Double Celebration

The Paul Woodward family of Niles and the William Enos family of Irvington motored to La Honda to the home of their daughter and son, Eleanor and Bob, to help celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, William Paul Woodward, which was on December 24, and also to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

To the Rose Bowl

Among the local people to motor south to the Rose Bowl for the big game will be William Enos Jr. of Irvington, and Miss Beth King and Miss Annette Kirkish from Centerville. The two girls are student nurses at the San Jose Hospital.

Early Present

A Christmas present for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leathers of Irvington arrived a few hours ahead of Santa Claus in the form of a new son, James Allen Leathers, born December 24 at 9 a.m. at Alameda Hospital. The youngster, the third for the Leathers, weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces.

Irvington Man Returns From Trip to Mexico

Mr. Harold Speetzen of Irvington returned last week from an extremely interesting trip to Mexico City. Traveling with a friend from Martinez, he made the entire trip in two weeks, stopping en route at many of the points of interest. The two men were completely overwhelmed at the beauty of the cathedral in Mexico City, which was the mecca of a pilgrimage, the national religious festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was in progress during their stay there.

Flowers, said Mr. Speetzen, were used lavishly during the festival, flowers of rare and exotic beauty.

He was struck with the low cost of living in Mexico. The best and most luxurious hotels, for example, charged no more than five dollars a day. And coffee, which has become something of a luxury item in the States, was selling for four cents a pound!

He was so impressed by the architecture, the beauty of the landscape, and the friendliness of the Mexican people, that he hopes to make a return trip down there before too long a time.

At Holiday Supper

Localites who were among the guests at a buffet supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Les Alt at their home in Hayward last Wednesday evening included Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mrs. Gladys Williamson, the John Berchems, the W. F. Lamoreuxs, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Howe, and the Tom Robbins.

Buffet Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Vieira will entertain at a buffet supper party on New Year's Eve. Those invited are the Ralph Goodwins, the Art Belshaws, Mrs. Thomas Power and her son Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bellati, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fassnacht, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Enos, and Mrs. Vieira's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Gomes.

To the Rose Bowl

Among the lucky ones who will be motoring down to the Rose Bowl game are the John Brahmsts and son, Bob, Harriet Dias, and Vernon Ellsworth.

Open-House at E. C. Grau Home

Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Grau entertained about sixty guests last Tuesday evening at a holiday "open-house." Many of the guests included Mrs. Grau's artist associates of the Hayward Art Association. The remainder were localites.

Red and green leaves and red berries were arranged throughout the house and proved to be very effective for the holiday decor. These were accented with silver angel silhouettes and candles, all done by the artist hostess.

Buffet Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robbins hosted a buffet supper last Monday for some of their neighbors of Adobe Acres, including Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bendel, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mrs. Dora Mae Scudder, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crane, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lamoreux, Mr. and Mrs. John Berchem, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Marks, and Mr. and Mrs. Les Alt.

New Year's Party

The Tom Robbins of Niles will motor to Hayward on New Year's Eve to be guests at a party to be given by former localites, Minerva and Jack Rees.

At Long Barn

Having fun with the winter sports at Long Barn this week are Don Querner, Georgia Cooper, Norma Bettencourt and Everett de Salles. The two couples were accompanied by Miss Cooper's mother. They expect to return today, having been gone since Tuesday.

Holiday at San Jose

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Cull will spend the New Year holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Smith at their home in San Jose. Also present will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Wylie and little daughter, Jacqueline.

ELAINE LEWIS OF CENTERVILLE ANNOUNCES BETROTHAL TO ROBERT DUTRA

Passing a box of candy to fifteen friends who had gathered at her home for what they thought was just a Christmas party, was the means Miss Elaine Lewis took to announce her engagement to Robert L. Dutra. Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis of Centerville. Her fiance's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel S. Dutra, also of Centerville.

Both young people attended local schools and were graduated from Washington High School. Bob then entered the Army, and now is working at Pacific States Steel in Niles, where he has been employed for the past three years.

Miss Lewis, who attended the College of the Holy Names in Oakland, has been employed at the Centerville Electric and Pump Co. as bookkeeper for four years. Their plans call for a summer wedding.

Guests at the announcement party were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Costa, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lemos, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Cardoza, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dutra, Miss Elizabeth King, Mr. William Goold, and Mr. James F. George.

The evening was spent playing that ever-popular game of Canasta, and ping-pong in the rumpus room for those who preferred it. A midnight buffet supper was served.

A Tentative Trip

The Joe Shepherds of Centerville are making plans to go up in the snow and visit friends in Auburn over the New Year holiday. The plans are in the tentative stages because Mr. Shepherd is suffering a touch of the flu and Mrs. Shepherd has a bad cold. They are hoping, however, to recover in time for the trip.

Twin Daughters

Little Theresa and Helen Trujillo, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Felix V. Trujillo of Niles, enjoyed their first Christmas last week at the home of their parents. The little ladies were born on December 10 at Hayward Hospital.

Dinner Guests

Dinner guests of the Erle Hygelunds on Thursday evening were Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Broun and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Marriott. Also present, of course, was the Hygelund's daughter, Diane.

At Oakland Party

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Barnum of Niles will spend New Year's Eve at a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bishop Jr. of Oakland.

At the Claremont

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bodily of Niles were among those who attended the dance given by "The Debonaires" last Friday night at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. The Debonaires, a formal dancing group, has members from all over the bay area.

New Arrival

Santa Claus had an extra stocking to fill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ferreira, R.F.D. Box 451-B, Niles, this year. The stocking belonged to little Sharon Marie who was born at Hayward Hospital on December 13.

At the Juhl Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Juhl of Niles were joined at Christmas dinner by the Abernathy family. During Christmas day the Juhls had several other callers who dropped in to wish them a "Merry Christmas."

At East-West Game

The Ralph Goodwins, the Merle Buehlers, and the Paul Merrills will motor over to San Francisco on New Year's to attend the East-West game. They will get together afterwards for a celebration party.

YOU HAVE A DATE FOR JANUARY 9

All home owners in the township are reminded to mark a red circle around Monday, January 9, for that will truly be a red-letter day for those who have been seeking gardening and landscaping advice.

It is on the evening of January 9, at Washington Union High School, that Don Smith, young landscape architect living in Niles, will begin his class in gardening and landscape design. The class, under the sponsorship of the adult education program of the high school, is open to the public free of charge. Mr. Smith will deal with gardening problems peculiar to this area. He has many ideas that he has garnered, both as a student in horticulture at California Polytechnic College and as an experienced landscape architect and nurseryman since that time.

Tentative plans for the class call for mapping out landscape plans for a home in this area, possibly one belonging to a member of the class. Owners of older homes, however, will also benefit, for Mr. Smith also has ideas for rejuvenating gardens.

The class will start at 7 o'clock and will continue until nine every Monday evening.

Here for the Holidays

Guests at the Angelo Ferraris home in Centerville over the Christmas holiday were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sousa (Diane Ferraris), who drove up from their home in Stratford. They have since returned, but are planning to come back again to visit over the New Year week-end.

At New Year's

Several local couples will go over to the Alwin Searles home in Decoto for a New Year's Eve party. Mrs. Searles is expecting about 18 altogether.

Holiday Parties

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mackintosh are busy as beavers this week, hosting two parties, one was held last night, and the other will be a New Year's affair. Those invited Thursday included the John Whipples, the Tom Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bodily, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnson, the Howard Overackers, and the Dwight Thornburgs.

On New Year's Eve they will serve a buffet supper to the following guests: the Howard Overackers, the Ralph Logans, the George Coefields, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones.

Ponds Hold Reunion

It was indeed a Merry Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pond and family of Irvnigton for it marked the first time in many years that the entire family had been able to be together for the holiday. The reunion was held at the home of the couple's son, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pond, at Compton. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pond and family and Mrs. Evelyn Briggs and children, Mr. Pond's sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Sterns of Venice, and Mrs. Pond's brother, C. M. Cole of San Francisco.

Post Christmas Party

Dr. and Mrs. Merle Buehler of Centerville hosted a post-Christmas party last Monday evening. Their guests were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hall of Watsonville, and the following localites: Mr. and Mrs. Allan Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodwin, the Lyle Buehlers, the Gene Mannings, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Voorhees.

New Daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Santos of Hayward this week announced the arrival of their first child, Susan Marie, born December 22 at Hayward Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Mrs. Santos is the former Beatrice Silva of Newark.

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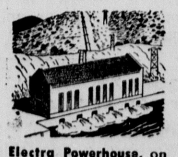
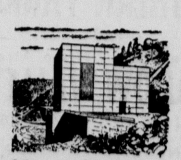


Electra Powerhouse, on the Mokelumne River, produces 133,000 horsepower. It came on the line in *July, 1948.*

West Point Powerhouse, also on the Mokelumne River, added another 21,000 horsepower in *November, 1948.*

Station "P", the steam giant, by San Francisco Bay, added a big 298,000 new horsepower in *February, 1949.*



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SERVICES TUESDAY FOR CARL STEFFEN

Final rites were conducted from the parlors of the Chapel of the Palms in Centerville Tuesday for Carl Steffen, 83, who died at his home at Santos Road and Irvington-Centerville Highway on December 24.

Mr. Steffen, a native of Germany, had been a resident of this community for the past two years, moving here with his daughter, Mrs. Georgia King, and family.

Closing services were at Oak Hill Crematory, San Jose.

Laurel or sweet bay laurel is the correct name for the popular seasoning herb known as "bay leaf."

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LIONS SCHEDULE BOXING SHOW

Sport fans of this area have been promised a treat the evening of January 24 when the athletic department of San Jose State College will present a boxing show and other entertainment for the benefit of the Centerville Lions Club Youth Activity Fund.

The fight card will be presented in the gymnasium of Washington Union High School and is expected to draw a capacity crowd. Bouts in all weight classifications will be staged by the student boxers from the college and special novelty stunts will be presented between bouts.

Dewitt Portal, boxing instructor at the college, has informed the local committee that he will bring some outstanding performers here.

The committee working out the arrangements is composed of Irving Hird, Gene Manning and James Logan, who will be assisted by the other members of the board of directors, Ralph Goodwin, Erle Hygelund, Lee Williams, Edw. L. Rose, Arthur Belshaw, LeRoy Broun and Harry Weber.

A regulation elevated boxing ring will be brought here from the college and erected on the floor of the gymnasium.

Tickets will go on sale about January 15, Goodwin said this week, and will feature many reserved ringside seats.

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DAY BY DAY IN DECOTO

By GRACE CAMINADA

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DOINGS AT CHRISTMAS

Hope Santa was good to everyone. Here's what a few of our local people were doing on Christmas Day:

Mr. and Mrs. J. ARRIBAS and daughter, Gloria, had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. David Arribas of Ashland, Neza Sarestino, John England, Mrs. Petra Arribas and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Herrera.

Mr. and Mrs. JOE CAREY entertained at their home for their guests who were Mr. and Mrs. B. Dias and son of Sunnyvale, Mrs. Elsie Brown and son, Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Pashoto of Warm Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Carey of Niles.

MR. AND MR. TEJADA and daughter, Rosemarie, and Mrs. Isabel Reed and daughter motored to Texas to visit Myron Tejada, who is in the army there.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK SCORPINITI and sons spent Christmas day at home but spent the following day in San Jose with relatives.

HARVEY HERNANDEZ came home from college at Taylor University in Indiana to spend the holidays with his parents and sister.

MR. AND MRS. A. ESCALONA and twins spent the holiday with her sister across the bay.

MR. AND MRS. A. GIANZIANI and son entertained at their home for Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferrante of Niles, Judge Quaresma and family of Niles, and relatives who motored here from San Luis Obispo.

SERVICEMEN home on leave for the holidays were Henry Gutierrez, who is in the Army Air Corps stationed in Washington, and Arthur Brown, who is also in the Army Air Corps.

MR. AND MRS. TONY BETTENCOURT of Railroad Avenue had a family dinner consisting of their children and families, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bettencourt of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Calderia of Alameda.

MR. AND MRS. "DUTCHIE" RE motored with Frank Pimentel to the Santa Anita tracks over the holiday week-end. Mr. Pimentel will stay during the racing season to groom horses, etc.

MR. AND MRS. R. CAMINADA entertained at their home Christmas Eve and spent the next day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tedeschi in Hayward with other invited guests.

Both MRS. RAY CADMAN and MRS. JOHN MONTE were surprised with television sets for their Christmas gifts.

MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE FINE and daughters entertained at their home for a large number of guests.

MR. AND MRS. L. WATKINS and sons entertained at their home for their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lewallen of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown and sons of Hayward. Mrs. Watkins had her home attractively decorated for the holiday including a large green wreath with red berries and red bow with candles for her table centerpiece.

JACK NAVARRO spent Christmas with his family in Oakland.

MR. AND MRS. JOE SEAONE Jr. and children spent Christmas day with Mrs. Seaone's parents, the John Acevedos of Santa Clara.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. FIELDS Sr. had a family dinner with their children, Mr. and Mrs. George Fields Jr. of Placerville and Phyllis Fields of San Francisco. George Jr. teaches in the Placerville school.

A large party was held at the home on Christmas Eve of Mr. and Mrs. RAY CADMAN to celebrate the 74th birthday of Manuel Monte. Although 74 candles were put on the cake, Mr. Monte was able to blow out only about half at a time. Those who gathered around to celebrate the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. John Monte, Joe Monte, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blair and son of San Leandro, Barbara, Frances and Isabel Monte, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and children of San Jose, and the two Cadman children.

MR. AND MRS. JOE GONZALES and sons, together with their guests, Mrs. Gonzales' brother and wife from Oklahoma, motored to Turlock to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. Mendoza. It was the first time in six years the visitors from the east were able to spend the holiday with their relatives here.

MR. AND MRS. P. RODRIGUES and son entertained at a family dinner on Christmas Eve for Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferreria and daughter Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cortez Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cortez, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cortez Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Rose of Hayward, Tony Cortez and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cortez of Riverdale.

MR. AND MRS. ED WARD had their daughter and husband home for Christmas. They were Mr. and Mrs. Tony Garcia of Ashland.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Pinza of Thirteenth Street, who recently was recovering from pneumonia, was taken to the Alameda Hospital on Thursday, Dec. 22. Hope you get better soon.

TO BE MARRIED

A marriage license was issued in San Francisco last week for Johnnie Gonzales of Decoto and Dolores Carrizal of San Francisco.

A Happy New Year to all!

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of December, 1949.

DENNIS F. WHITTREDGE.

State of California,
County of Alameda, ss.

ON THIS 22nd day of December, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and forty-nine, before me, E. A. QUARESMA, a Notary Public in and for the County of Alameda, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared DENNIS F. WHITTREDGE, known to me to be the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, the day and year in this certificate first above written.

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K. OF C. COUNCIL PLANS BENEFIT

The Centerville Council of the Knights of Columbus has announced the sponsorship of a benefit Theater Party to be held at the Center Theater the evening of February 16.

Grand Knight Walter Connolly, who made the announcement, said yesterday that the affair will include outstanding vaudeville acts in addition to the regular screen features. Proceeds from the party will go to the Council's charity fund.

Connolly will be assisted by a committee composed of George Roderick, Clifford Rogers, Anthony Silva, L. A. Mayer and Joe Cochalka.

SCOUT EXPOSITION SET FOR FEB. 11

Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops of Washington Township have selected February 11 as the date for their Scout Exposition to be held at Washington Union High School.

On that date all the troops of the township will display crafts completed during the past year. Fred Duffie, activities chairman, is in charge of the affair which is being held here this year for the first time. The local scouts formerly participated in the Exposition at Hayward.

OUR READERS WRITE . . .

AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC SPIRIT

The Editor, Sir:

Every once in a while something happens that makes one think that this is just about the best world there is. (Of course by now we all know that there is the belief in certain high places that our world is under observation by visitors from some other world.)

The something that has happened to give us a renewed faith in the American spirit of giving is the offer of Dr. E. M. Grimmer to donate to Alameda County a plot of ground for the establishment of a Sheriff's Office, a County Library, a Health Office, and other Alameda County facilities as needed. This is in the true spirit of helping others, be they rich or poor. Too, of course, it shows an intense interest in the public welfare, placing the good of the many before the good of the individual. Dr. Grimmer is to be congratulated for his public spirit and his generous gesture toward the County of Alameda and the citizens of Washington Township.

In thinking the offer over, it seems that the Board of Supervisors could do much worse in choosing another site. Geographically the site he has offered on the Irvington-Centerville Highway is just about one mile from the geographic center of the Township. It is located on a major highway which makes it readily accessible.

It is in a section of Washington Township that is expanding rapidly. Radio reception, which is of strategic importance to the Sheriff's Office, is perhaps a little better in this area than elsewhere. And, of course, in these days of incessant demands upon the taxpayers pocketbooks (many times wanting just a little more in the way of purchase prices when it is known that John Q. Taxpayer is footing the bill), one is inclined to greet with welcome hand such a generous offer.

On Tuesday when Dr. Grimmer presented his offer to the Board of Supervisors, he was assured that this plot would be investigated thoroughly. Dr. Grimmer and his committee were assured that the Supervisors' sole reaction would be on the basis of usefulness to the citizens of Washington Township, which of course is as good government is conducted by good representatives of the people. Supervisor Chester Stanley is quoted as saying that his decision will be made on the basis of what is best for the many.

The Board of Supervisors visited the site immediately. We are awaiting their reaction and that of the Sheriff's Office. We sincerely hope that this offer from a good citizen can be accepted.

GUS C. ROBERTSON

COUNTY BUILDING

(Continued from page 1)

gested that the building would house all county agencies serving the rural areas, such as constable's office, welfare and public health offices, library and justice courts.

Two weeks ago the supervisors viewed two sites near Centerville, which they had selected as ideal locations. However the site which they favored was given up when the $5,000 asking price and the $4,250 compromise offer to sell was termed "too much money."

HEALTH PROBLEM

(Continued from page 1)

cure needed medical care. Local doctors will participate and county, state and federal funds will be available when necessary.

TOTAL COST LOW

This service of health protection was provided the township for as little as $1.61 per person in 1949, the survey shows. For each dollar given to the Health Department to use in protecting the community's health, 77 cents came from allocations by the County Board of Supervisors. Another 14 cents came from state and federal tax funds and 9 cents from contracts with cities and the county school department.

And good cheer! May this be a year of well being for all you hold dear!

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